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A 150-man trade and economic mission from Belgium, its largest so far arrives here next week under the chairmanship of Crown Prince Albert. It is a goodwill mission which will present virtually every technology, know-how and products Belgium offers. — Page 2

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The United States says an Israeli purge of suspected Palestine Liberation Organization sympathizers teaching in West Bank universities can damage Middle East peace efforts. — Page 4

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A complex exchange of more than 100 prisoners involving five African nations, with three Soviet citizens against three Americans as its centerpiece, ends at Lusaka. — Page 9

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U.S. President Ronald Reagan demands that Congress must not tamper with his income-tax cuts, the big buildup in United States defense spending, or try to enact a big public works program to create jobs, declaring "we will not negotiate all the good we accomplished in these first 22 months." — Page 11

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The National Football League Players' Association has tentatively agreed to a league proposal to end the 57-day-old strike, the longest in professional sports history. — Page 12

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Four men are shot to death in sectarian attacks in Northern Ireland. The best-known of the victims is Lennie Murphy, known locally as the 'master butcher'. — Page 16

Taking Carter for a ride Cuba sent boatloads of outlaws into U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP) — Cuban boat people admitted to this country by former President Jimmy Carter in 1980 included about 25,000 hardened criminals, according to a copyright article in the December Reader's Digest.

They form a spreading crime network that has taken root in several American cities, according to the Digest.

The magazine article claims that the seeds of this new Cuban underworld were planted by the Carter administration when Cuban leader Fidel Castro was allowed to send to the United States boatloads of his least desirable elements — vagrants, ex-convicts, black-market dealers, and thousands of prisoners who were simply released from jail and dumped on American shores.

"The scope and predictable effect of this infamous deed should have been detected early, but it was not," says the Digest article, written by Peter Michelmore. "To this day, Castro's outlaw invasion has not been recognized, or confronted nationally."

Michelmore writes that local law enforcement agencies and courts have had to bring these Cubans to justice for crimes committed in the United States because the federal government has done nothing to help.

"Some wormed their way into the narcotics business as runners and bit men for Colombian bosses," the article states. "A few hived out to auto-theft rings. Mostly, however, they ran in their own packs. With the proceeds of crime, they armed themselves with shotguns and M-1 carbines," what Michelmore called this "criminal force of Cubanmen" is concentrated, he said, in Florida, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Pound slides against dollar

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP) — The British pound tumbled another two cents against the dollar Wednesday in a wave of selling, while the dollar declined against major currencies elsewhere. Gold prices rose.

The pound, down 5 cents this week to around \$1.60, was being sold heavily "all over Europe and London," said one dealer.

The slide took the British currency to within reach of its all-time low of \$1.56 in October 1976 when the International Monetary Fund came to the fiscal rescue of the then troubled Labor government.

The reasons for the run on the pound include the sharp fall in British interest rates in recent weeks, a deteriorating balance of trade, weak oil prices and signs that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government plans pre-election moves to revive the economy, possibly endangering her anti-inflation strategy.

Industrialists criticized the government for maintaining sterling at a rate which made British exports uncompetitive. There was little sign of Bank of England intervention Wednesday to stem the pound's slide, dealers said.

The pound's sharp decline against the dollar threatens the government's drive to cut inflation, which it has set as its main priority. Because most commodities are priced in dollars import prices will rise.

The authoritative Financial Times told its readers Tuesday that sterling has a worrying capacity to "overshoot when it changes direction."

According to analyst Gavin Davies of brokers Sin and Coates, the government will be secretly pleased about what is happening on the foreign exchanges.

Jew says war turned Israelis into criminals

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP) — Israeli journalist Jacobo Timerman says the war in Lebanon turned Israelis into "efficient criminals" and killed "the moral integrity of a people."

In a book entitled "The Longest War," scheduled for publication in Britain and the United States in early December, Timerman said he fears the reason Israelis have turned into criminals is that subconsciously they are not repelled by the possibility of genocide directed at the Palestinians.

He said the Israeli government's policy "no matter how it masks it, is to continue repressing the Palestinian people until we destroy their will to live and liquidate their national identity."

The only hope for a cure, Timerman said, is to have Jews outside Israel "who have maintained the values of our moral and cultural traditions which have been trampled by Israeli nationalism" establish a tribunal to pass judgment on Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rafael Eytan and the entire general staff of the armed forces.

Timerman was born in Russia, grew up in Argentina and edited the liberal newspaper La Opinion from 1971 until 1977.

Timerman said the Lebanese conflict should have lasted no more than three days and blames Sharon and Begin for dragging Israel into an unnecessary war because it was convinced of a victory which Israel hasn't won — and can't win.

The journalist said the suppression of 10,000 Palestinian commandos has given Israel at most a 5-year interlude "until the next generation of commandos... is ready to resume the armed struggle."

Israel's operations "were excessive and not justified by the fighting capacity of the Palestinians. The Palestinians, he said, will survive "by using the huge moral capital yielding by their suffering in Lebanon at the hands of Israel."

Nakasone heads leadership race

TOKYO, Nov. 17 (AP) — A week from vote-counting in the first round of the election for leadership of the ruling liberal Democratic Party, Yasuhiro Nakasone seems more and more the favorite to win the race, which carries with it the Japanese prime ministership.

An opinion poll published Wednesday by The Kyodo News Agency Nakasone, 64, director general of the administrative management agency, stands to get the votes of some 450,000 of the 1,040,000 members of the Liberal Party.

According to the poll he is way ahead of his three rivals.

Party members have until November 23 to send their votes to the party headquarters in Tokyo.

Media report on Gemayel talks denied

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — An official spokesman Wednesday flatly dismissed erroneous foreign media interpretations of the recent visit of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

He said the interpretations were "contrary to facts." The meeting between King Fadd and President Gemayel was fruitful and useful and served to consolidate bilateral ties and intensify efforts at all Arab and international levels in the interest of the Arabs themselves, the spokesman said.

"The talks underlined the special attention being given by the Kingdom to Lebanon and the efforts that are being made to achieve stability in the war-torn country," he added.

As Asiad opens tomorrow Sikhs determined to defy police ban

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (AFP) — A Sikh leader who will head Friday's mass march by Sikh militants on the opening day of the ninth Asian Games said that he was determined to take out the procession "even if the police spray bullets on us."

Prakash Singh Majitha told Agence France-Presse here Tuesday: "The Sikhs have not learnt to bow down. We will march peacefully, it is up to the government to take action."

The interview was conducted inside a New Delhi Sikh temple which police are traditionally banned from entering. Several Sikh holy warriors (ninhangs) were seen guarding the temple entry points and a huge kitchen was catering for Sikhs secretly entering the capital to take part in the march despite a massive security clampdown.

Sikh leaders said earlier this month thousands of party workers would descend on New Delhi for a march during the Asian Games to dramatize their demand for autonomy for the predominantly Sikh northern state of Punjab, which borders Pakistan. The Sikh party Akali Dal is spearheading the campaign.

"We have reiterated many times that we do not want to disrupt the Games, we will not go inside the stadium... but let us protest peacefully," Majitha said.

Majitha said the march would be attended by "thousands of Sikhs" who were already here. He added that it was within their fundamental rights as enshrined in the constitution to protest. "We are as Indian as others and we should be allowed to take out a peaceful procession," he said. Majitha said he would not unfold his plans for the demonstration, as he fears they will reach the police.

Meanwhile, in an unprecedented move, the Supreme Court here admitted two petitions by Sikh lawyers challenging restrictions put on Sikhs entering New Delhi to prevent any disruptions during the Asian Games.

The petition will come up for hearing Thursday. The states of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, which are ruled by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, set up a tight security cordon and barred suspected Sikhs from crossing to New Delhi through their states' boundaries.

All mediation efforts for a last-minute solution of the Sikh agitation appeared to have failed Wednesday with the latest among the mediators, Farooq Abdullah, chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir state that Mrs. Gandhi felt a solution to the Sikh problem cannot be "forced at gun point."

Peking keen on Moscow links

PEKING, Nov. 17 (R) — Communist China seems firmly set on seeking an improvement in its long-frigid relations with Moscow but major obstacles remain despite the friendly gestures of the past few days, Peking diplomats said Wednesday.

Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua held talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Moscow Tuesday and the official Tass news agency said afterwards the two sides agreed to continue a political dialogue aimed at restoring normal ties gradually.

The diplomats said this showed Peking's desire to keep up a momentum for rapprochement generated since the death of President Leonid Brezhnev on Nov. 10.

They said there was still no sign of progress toward eliminating what China, in talks in Peking last month, named as the three main obstacles to better relations.

These were the concentration of Soviet troops on the Sino-Soviet border and in Mongolia, Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan and the Kremlin's support for Vietnam's involvement in Kampuchea.

In Tokyo Wednesday, the Kyodo news agency reported a senior Soviet official as hinting in Moscow that the Soviet Union and China might agree to mutual troop reductions along their border.

The agency said that Viktor Afanasyev, editor-in-chief of the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda and a member of the party's central committee, told visiting Japanese journalists: "It is possible that the two sides might propose each other a reduction of military forces in border areas."

After varying in their reactions to Soviet peace overtures for some months, Chinese leaders designated Huang to represent them at Brezhnev's funeral and the veteran diplomat lost no time in adopting a new conciliatory tone.

Before leaving for Moscow he said tribute to Brezhnev, a man long attacked by Peking. He described him as an "outstanding statesman" and called on the new Kremlin leadership to make further efforts to improve Sino-Soviet ties.

His meeting with Gromyko, the first high-level Sino-Soviet consultation since 1969, lasted one and a half hours and would have been unthinkable just a few months ago.

America seeks speedy pullout

BEIRUT, Nov. 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan said in an interview published Wednesday that the United States wants the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon to be underway by the end of this year.

"I believe the U.S. policy aims for a speedy withdrawal. Otherwise the Americans would not have repeatedly informed us that they want the withdrawal to get under way by the end of the year at the latest," Wazzan said.

The prime minister made the statement in a lengthy interview broadcast by Lebanon's state television Tuesday night. Text of the interview was published by Beirut newspapers Wednesday.

Wazzan said he was confident Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization would order their forces to withdraw from Eastern and northern Lebanon "at the appropriate time."

"I am sure everyone is anxious to avoid giving Israel any excuse for delaying its withdrawal from Lebanon," Wazzan said.

Syria maintains an estimated 35,000 troops in Eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and in Tripoli, Akkar and Lzghorta under a 1976 mandate from the Arab league to police Lebanon.

Israel, which invaded Lebanon last June, has an estimated 35,000 troops stationed opposite the Syrian lines in Lebanon.

Haddad denies hand in massacre

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17 (AP) — Maj. Saad Haddad denied Wednesday that any forces under his direct command had participated in the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Beirut.

Haddad, whose Israeli-backed militias control a zone of southern Lebanon he calls "free Lebanon," told the judicial inquiry commission investigating the Sept. 16-18 massacre he was "100 percent sure" that none of his soldiers were in Beirut.

Many survivors of the slaughter, which Israel blames on Lebanese Phalangist Christian militiamen, said they believed Haddad's men were among the killers. The survivors said they heard southern Lebanese accents and recognized the uniforms of Haddad's men.

Haddad testified in English for only 20 minutes.

The renegade Lebanese Army official said his men and the Phalangists in Beirut wore the same uniforms, which are supplied by Israel. He caused a ripple of laughter by saying, "our people and the Phalangists in Beirut wearing the same uniform because it comes from the same restaurant."

Before Haddad entered the commission building on the Hebrew University campus, the foreign ministry's deputy director-general, Ohanan Bar-on, told the commission he received a phone call at home in occupied Jerusalem about 6 p.m. Friday Sept. 17 from an American official, The American, Bar-on said, "raised questions about the entry to West Beirut" including the use of loudspeaker and the detention of Beirut residents.

Aspirin a day keeps heart attacks away

DALLAS, Nov. 17 (AP) — A study of 1,300 men at 12 veterans' administration hospitals suggests that an aspirin a day cuts in half the chances of having a heart attack, according to a report presented at the American Heart Association meeting in Dallas.

Previous research has suggested that aspirin can help prevent heart attacks, but conclusive evidence had not been available. This is one of several carefully controlled studies under way to determine aspirin's effectiveness at preventing heart attacks.

The participants in the study had all been admitted to hospitals for treatment of angina, a heart condition that produces chest pains and can lead to heart attack.

Opposition parties win in San Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 17 (AP) — Opposition parties seemed to have won in San Paulo, Brazil's largest city and economic hub, while the battle for Rio de Janeiro was on, with returns slowly coming in from the country's first free nationwide elections since the military seized power in 1964.

Suspense was high in Rio, Brazil's second-largest city, over the race for governor.

Opposition Social Democrat Leonel Brizola had been favored in the polls and at first was ahead in the balloting but by Wednesday morning Moreira Franco, candidate of the Democratic and Social Party (PDS), had moved ahead.

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Under Crown Prince Albert

105-man Belgian trade team to visit

By Munk Muhammad Ali
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — Belgium's Crown Prince Albert presides over the largest economic and trade mission for his country due to arrive here next week. The 105-member delegation, headed by Secretary of State for Foreign Trade Andre Kempinaire, will hold meetings with a number of ministers, officials and chamber of commerce and industry authorities in the Kingdom.

Van Dessel, commercial counselor at the Belgian embassy here, told *Arab News* Wednesday that the mission represents a complete range of the economic and commercial sectors in Belgium. Some 67 firms are represented by 75 businessmen to offer various products and services. Also, 15 officials are part of the group.

The mission is "very keen to consolidate the very good relations between the two countries," van Dessel said "by further expanding trade and economic links on the official and private sector levels."

The size of the mission, the largest for Belgium, stipulates the country's interest in Saudi Arabia and the good relations are acknowledged, on Belgium's part, by the leadership of Prince Albert of the mission.

The Belgian crown prince is deeply involved in economic and trade activities.



Prince Albert

"He presides over two or three missions every year," says van Dessel.

The mission will make a diverse presentation of Belgium's technology and know-how. "Virtually everything" offered by Belgium has been entered into the program of the mission. Even further, aspirant members had to be dropped from the mission list in a limitation effort.

Official dinners are to be hosted by the

Commerce Ministry and chambers. Apart from official receptions, 35 technical-oriented meetings have been set for mission members. From such giant public corporations as the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation, the Saudi Consulting House and the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company, meetings will range down to private companies and businessmen. Many side-meetings with private firms and individuals are anticipated.

Belgium is already high on the list of suppliers at the Saudi Arabian market reserving the 13th position. Its exports to the Kingdom are composed of mechanical machinery, grains, refined oil products, electrical appliances, sugar, iron, steel, pharmaceutical products, and plastic materials.

"Belgian carpets have a large market in Saudi Arabia," according to van Dessel being the third largest export item to the Kingdom.

In 1981, Belgian exports to Saudi Arabia amounted to \$500 million, making a 65 percent upward move over the previous year. A further increase is anticipated this year. During the first half of 1982, Belgian exports reached \$300 million. Saudi Arabia is Belgium's ninth largest client.

Saudi Arabia occupies the sixth place in the order of major suppliers to the Dutch-French speaking country of 9.87 million.

Kingdom hits occupied land life standard

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Wednesday deplored the "considerable deterioration in the living conditions of the Palestinian people" in Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967.

A draft resolution introduced by Ali Al-Ghamdi of Saudi Arabia at the U.N. Economic and Financial Committee said the Israeli occupation was contradictory to basic requirements and the social and economic development of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The resolution also called on the Israeli occupation authorities to abandon occupied Arab lands.

Murphy affirms U.S. serious in M.E. peace hunt

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — U.S. Ambassador Richard Murphy, in an interview published here Wednesday, affirmed that his country is seriously seeking to establish a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

He told the *Al-Riyadh* that the good efforts undertaken by the seven-member Arab League follow-up committee set up by the Fez summit in September had moved Arab-American relations to an advanced stage of a constructive dialogue between the two sides.

The ambassador added that Palestinian and other Arab communities in general in the United States were playing a bigger role than hitherto, organizing themselves in effective political associations.

He reaffirmed his country's attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), saying the U.S. would welcome recognizing the organization if in turn it recognized Israel and what he called its right to exist and live in peace.

Royal decree okays annual literary prize

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — A royal decree was issued Wednesday approving the introduction of a prize for literature.

A special committee was set up under the chairmanship of Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, chairman of the Youth Welfare Organization, to receive nominations from the scientific institutions and literary organizations.

In a press statement, Prince Faisal said the prize established by organization would be awarded annually to three Saudi Arabian writers who have distinguished themselves in enriching the Kingdom's religious, intellectual and literary life. The prize will include a gold medal of Prince Faisal award for contribution to the country's cultural life.

Forming government-in-exile premature, PLO aide states

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — A leader of the Palestine Fatah movement, in an interview published here Wednesday, said the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile was premature.

He also told the weekly magazine *Al-Yamama* that Palestinian-Egyptian relations were good and preparations were underway for a visit to Egypt soon by Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat.

Khaled Al-Hassan, who also chairs the foreign affairs committee of the Palestine National Council — parliament-in-exile — noted that the Palestinian leadership had taken no decision yet on the question of setting up such a government.

Accordingly, the idea is remote and setting a date in this connection is not being considered at all, he said.

He added that a relating announcement would be made in due course, when all prerequisites of a government are available and

thus avert any problems obstructing the march of liberation.

Dealing with Arafat's planned visit to Egypt, Hassan said the trip emanated from the good relations between the two sides.

He affirmed that Egyptian-Palestinian contacts were continuing and were facing no major difficulties, especially on the part of Cairo.

Hassan said that Egypt had shown an "increasing interest in Egyptian-Palestinian rapprochement serving the cause."

He added that the fate of Palestinians residing in Lebanon was threatening for several reasons, despite the presence of international forces.

This is because the Israelis still occupy Lebanon and are carrying out various actions, the latest of which was the massacre in West Beirut last month following the departure of commando forces, Hassan said.

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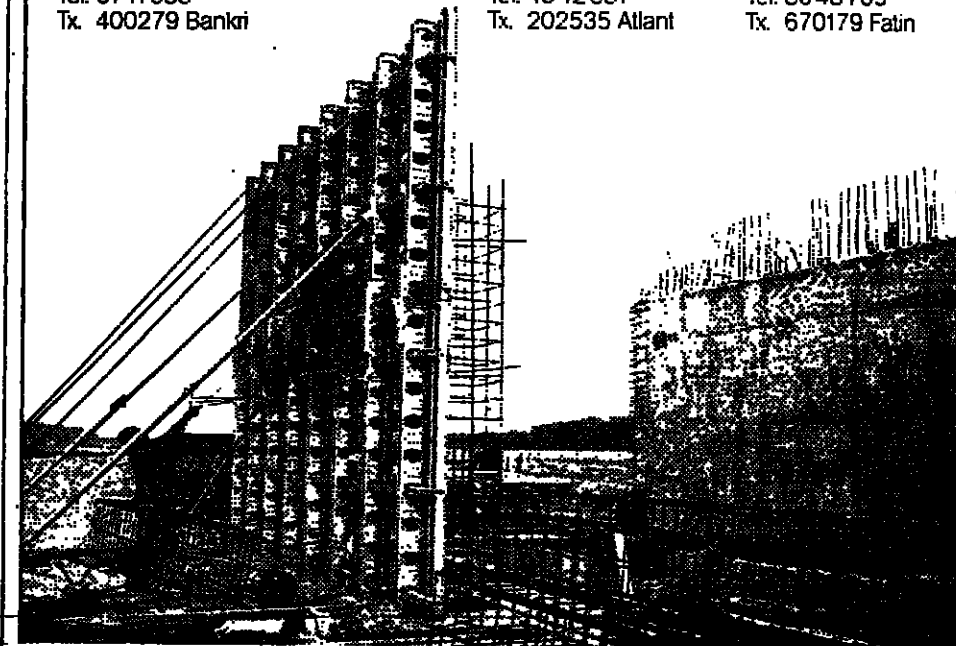
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In several countries
Afghan pilgrims seek refuge

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Nov. 17 (AP) — A total of 1,500 Afghans on the way back from a pilgrimage to the Islamic holy city of Makkah, recently sought refuge in other countries. Afghan religious officials said Tuesday.

The officials, Kazi Muhammed Oasin Maftoon, chief of the pilgrimage department of the religious ministry, and his deputy, Brig. Muhammad Auyb Mangal, themselves sought refuge in Pakistan and arrived Monday in Peshawar from Saudi Arabia, government sources in Islamabad said Tuesday.

In an interview with Radio Pakistan at Peshawar, 100 miles northwest of here, Maftoon said 4,000 Afghans went on the Makkah pilgrimage this year, of whom 1,500 stayed back in other countries.

"All of them are seeking permanent refuge and asylum in several countries, but most of them still do not know which country will accept them on an individual basis," he added.

Maftoon said he and his deputy decided to defect because of "the anti-Islam policies of the Soviet-backed Afghan regime in Kabul."

Maftoon had led an official 35-member Afghan delegation to Makkah in October. Pakistan government sources said the two officials have been granted permission to stay

in Pakistan.

Maftoon charged the Soviets, who have maintained more than 90,000 combat troops in Afghanistan since Dec. 25, 1979, of committing "inhuman acts and atrocities against innocent civilians in Afghanistan."

He said this year, 70,000 Afghan citizens applied to the Kabul regime to make the Makkah pilgrimage, of which only 4,000 were allowed to go.

The pilgrimage to Makkah is one of the five pillars of the Islamic faith. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims from all over the world converge on Makkah every year.

The restrictions applied by the Afghan regime on the pilgrims are based on its apprehensions that many of them may not return home, or may establish contact with various Islamic groups to gain support for Afghan Islamic insurgents.

Most Islamic countries in the world have publicly demanded an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, and a return to its Islamic and non-aligned status.

There are an estimated 2.7 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

Nearly one million more are in Iran, and hundreds of them have migrated to other countries, mostly the United States.

BRIEFS

Ministers discuss projects

RIYADH, (SPA) — South Korean Deputy Construction Minister Kwan Young Lee Wednesday discussed with Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri means of promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of road building and construction. Discussions also covered projects undertaken by the Saudi Communications Ministry in association with the Korean Construction Ministry.

Chad assistance

RIYADH, (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri conferred Wednesday with Chad Petroleum and Housing Minister Hussein Qasimous, who is currently visiting the Kingdom. Assistance in transport and communications which could be provided by the Communications Ministry to Chad, and bilateral relations between the Kingdom and the African country were the subject of discussions. Mansouri reiterated the Kingdom's willingness to assist Chad.

Omani National Day

MUSCAT, (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi and Industry Undersecretary Dr. Fuad Farsi arrived here Tuesday night to attend the Omani National Day celebrations. Omani Trade and Industry Minister Muhammad Al-Zubair and Saudi Arabian Ambassador here Muhammad Al-Mutlaq welcomed the party.



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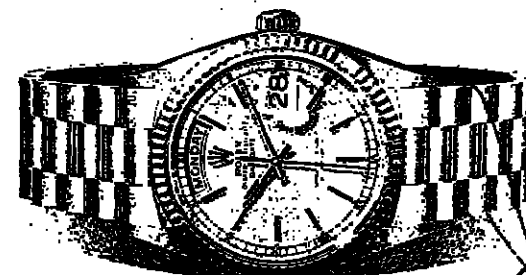
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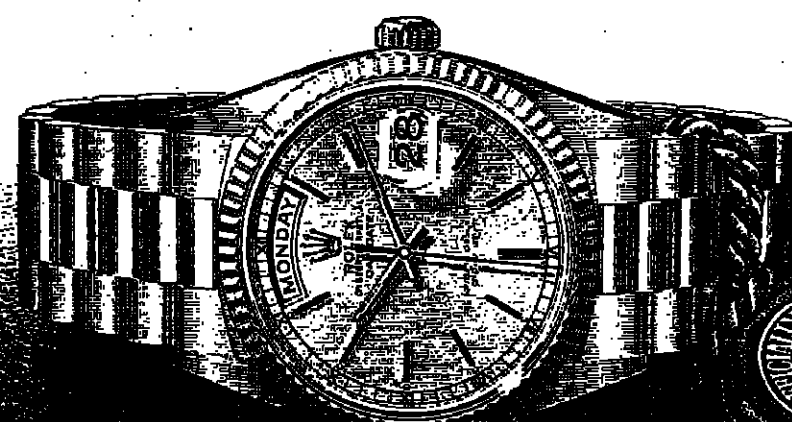
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Slated Nov. 25 -29

Moroccan Festival shows crafts, products, music

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — Businessmen, consumer or housewife, officials responsible for the success of the Nov. 25-29 Moroccan Festival at the Kandara Palace Hotel here have gone all-out to ensure that the event will have



Abdelhamid Boumediene

something for everyone.

The festival will feature an exhibition of the most popular products available from Morocco, offer a chance for local businessmen to make contacts with more than 50 Moroccan firms and at the same time literally display a festival of Moroccan handicrafts, food products, books, calligraphy, carpets, textiles, dresses, leatherwork, furniture and cosmetics.

During preparatory meetings here Tuesday evening, Moroccan Embassy Economic Counselor Alhaj Zine El Abidine said that the festival would be inaugurated Nov. 25 by Moroccan Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism Azzedine Guessons and Moroccan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Dr. Zina El Abidine Alaoui.

An advance meeting, which will take place Nov. 24 preceding the festival opening, will be held at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, where Saudi Arabian businessmen will be told about business opportunities in Morocco.

"Oranges, carpets and textiles are Morocco's main exports to Saudi Arabia," Abidine explained. "Since 1978, when exports to Saudi Arabia amounted to \$12 million they have now doubled to \$24 million and Morocco has just begun its 1981 to 1985 development plan.

"These figures are also misleading," he said, "because a majority of the products from Morocco make a triangular route from our country to the European Economic

Community (EEC) where they are in turn shipped to Saudi Arabia."

The purpose of the festival, therefore, according to Abdelhamid Boumediene, head of the Moroccan Center for Export Promotion External Relations Department, will be to educate the public about the wide variety of products which are produced in Morocco and are now on the market.

Boumediene explained that on Nov. 28 the Moroccan Festival will be open exclusively for women, the wife of the Moroccan ambassador to Saudi Arabia will be present during the day to provide visitors with specific information about the festival and her country.

Throughout the festival handicrafts will be exhibited and craftsmen will actually show how the work is done. Moroccan music will be played from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. during regular festival hours. There will also be appearances of well-known singers Mahmoud Khrisi and Abdel Moneim Jamei accompanied by the Moroccan Radio and Television National Orchestra. A Berber group will present folklore information about the country and authentic Moroccan dishes will be prepared by three culinary specialists of "La Tour Hassan" in Rabat and gourmets will enjoy interpretations of famous Moroccan dishes such as Couscous, Aux 7 Legumes, Pastillas, Harira, Kofta, Kebab, various Tagines, and Mechouis.

On Nov. 25 and Nov. 29 there will be special Mechoui dinner parties and entertainment at the hotel pool area and on Dec. 2 a final Moroccan night featuring a complete show and giant barbecue dinner.

Makkah inspection campaign heightened

MAKKAH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — The environmental health committee here is intensifying its campaign on shops and restaurants that do not conform to public safety and hygienic rules. According to a department spokesman, more than 4,255 such businesses were inspected within the past two months.

The latest inspection covered 853 restaurants, 116 coffee shops, 1,801 groceries and 351 bakeries. Some 780 businesses were found to be violating the rules. As a result, a warning was served to 706 of them, while 19 others were ordered shut for two days.

In addition, the spokesman said, large quantities of foodstuffs unfit for human consumption were confiscated. They included 16,511 kilograms of vegetables and fruits; 28,121 expired cans or boxes; 1,965 kilograms of meat; 1,947 kilograms of chickens; and many other comestible items.



Alhaj Zine El Abidine

Rabat trade development board to meet

RABAT, Nov. 17 (SPA) — The first session of the board of directors of the Islamic Center for the Development of Trade will open here next Monday. The board includes Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Jordan, North Yemen, Pakistan, Mali, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Guinea, Oman, Somalia and Tunisia. The session will last four days.

Establishment of the center had been decided by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah/Taif in January, 1981, to promote trade among member countries of the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference. The conference also adopted the center's statutes.

At the same time, the first Arab conference on the canned foodstuff industry will be held in Casablanca, Nov. 22-26.

SR202m Riyadh water projects

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman has signed a SR202 million contract for developing a sewage network in several parts of the capital. He is chairman of the Riyadh Water and Sewage Department.

The contract, awarded to an international company, calls for constructing main and branch pipelines and house connections in Northern Ulaya, Northern Sulaimania and Ummul Hammam. The project involves some 100 kilometers of pipelines and 8,000 house connections. Work should be completed within 42 months according to the contract.

Ummran Al-Ummran, Riyadh water and sewage department director general, said the contract is one in a series, some of which have been awarded and others are being studied.

IINA strives to become the Islamic voice

TUNIS, Nov. 17 (SPA) — The International Islamic News Agency (IINA) is striving to become the Islamic world's voice. Saudi Information Undersecretary and IINA Executive Board Chairman Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja said Tuesday night.

Khoja made the remark during a meeting between Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali and participant delegations in IINA's general assembly meeting underway here. He commended the efforts of Tunisian authorities to contribute to the success of the meeting and achieve many objectives.

Mzali said in a statement that IINA was created to fill the Islamic media gap and strive to rectify the distorted picture carried by foreign media of the Islamic world. He called on the Arab, Islamic and Third World countries to work and win the culture and media war "if they want to be politically and economically independent," the Tunisian premier said.

Earlier, IINA's general assembly appointed a new executive bureau made up of nine members. Those members are Morocco, Qatar, Jordan, Tunisia, Niger, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia which is a permanent member as it hosts IINA's headquarters in Jeddah.

Addressing the session, Tunisian Information Minister Al-Tajer Belkhouja highlighted the importance of the nascent pan-Islamic news agency and described it as a great achievement. He said the Muslims were in need of an effective weapon to face the information challenges. He pointed out that IINA was bearing to 24 countries in a bid to let the voice and views of Islam be heard all over the world on various contemporary issues.

In a message read out on his behalf, Tunisia's Premier Muhammad Mzali said that Muslims, particularly in Africa, were in dire need of Islamic information which IINA was now providing.

Taking the floor next, Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Secretary General Habib Chatti announced that a committee set up by the OIC to look after information and cultural affairs will hold its first meeting in Dakar, Senegal, next month under the chairmanship of Senegalese President Abdo Diouf.

SR8.6m post office contracts awarded

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — Several national companies have won an SR8.6 million contract to set up five post offices in various parts of Saudi Arabia.

The contract was awarded by Post, Telegraph and Telephone Minister Dr. Alawi Darweesh Kayyal.

The post offices will be set up in Riyadh, Sharourah, Oatceef Beqeeq and Makkah.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:08	5:14	4:46	4:35	5:00	5:33
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:06	12:07	11:38	11:25	11:49	12:19
Asr (Afternoon)	3:16	3:13	2:44	2:28	2:53	3:19
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:39	5:35	5:06	4:50	5:14	5:41
Isha (Night)	7:09	7:05	6:36	6:20	6:44	7:11

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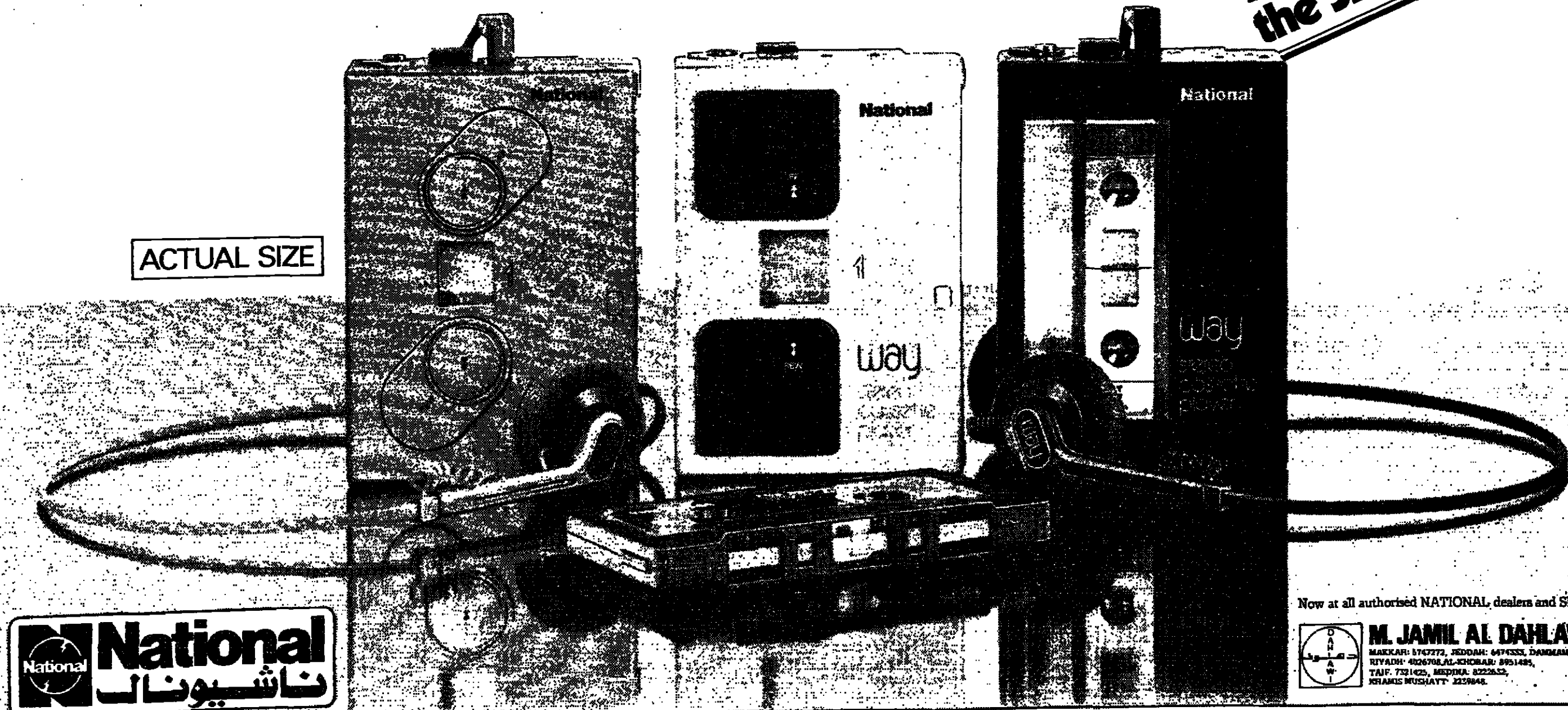
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'Harmful to peace efforts'

Israeli purge in W. Bank worries U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (R) — The United States has said an Israeli purge of suspected Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) sympathizers teaching in West Bank universities could damage Middle East peace efforts. "Actions such as these can only further undermine the confidence of Palestinians and others who we hope to attract to future negotiations," a State Department spokesman said Tuesday.

Spokesman Alan Romberg also expressed

For escalating its aggression

U.N. Assembly raps Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 17 (R) — The United Nations General Assembly has asked the Security Council to consider measures to deter Israel from any new attack on nuclear facilities, such as its June 1981 air raid on an Iraqi reactor. The vote was 119 to two, the objectors being Israel and the United States, with 13 abstentions.

The resolution strongly condemned Israel for "escalation of its acts of aggression in the region," condemned "threats to repeat such attacks," and demanded that it withdraw an "officially declared threat to repeat its armed attack against nuclear facilities."

Israel claimed at the time it had bombed

concern that the banning and expulsion of non-resident educators could eventually force the closure of West Bank universities.

In the past two months Israel has deported 19 foreign instructors, mostly Jordanian, from three Palestinian universities in the occupied West Bank because they refused to sign an oath promising not to support the PLO.

In addition, Romberg told reporters at least 11 American citizens had been ordered

to stop teaching at the universities of Bir Zeit and An-Najah. They had also been told that they would be required to leave when their visitor permits lapsed, he said.

Romberg said Washington has objected to Israel about the actions taken against American professors. He said the United States over the years had made financial and intellectual contributions to the development of the institutions on the West Bank, adding: "We naturally take an interest in their continued operation is in question."

"There is also the broader issue of the effect of the pledge requirement on our effort to restore momentum to the peace process," he said.

The U.S. has been trying to persuade Jordan's King Hussein, among others, to participate in talks aimed at a comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian question. Tuesday's reaction followed strongly-worded U.S. criticism of statements by Israeli officials that they would proceed with plans for 20 new Jewish settlements in the West Bank, despite U.S. President Reagan's plea for a freeze on such activity.

Washington said continued settlement activity was unwelcome and unhelpful to peace prospects.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, a U.N. panel said Tuesday the situation of Arab civilians in territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war had worsened in the past year. Civilians were adversely affected by the occupation not only regarding individual security, but also with respect to social welfare, economic well-being, education and their general right to develop as a society, the panel said in a report to the U.N. General Assembly.

OAU parley stalled over Chad issue

TRIPOLI, Nov. 17 (R) — After shelving the Western Sahara dispute to get their talks started, Organization of African Unity (OAU) foreign ministers were bogged down Wednesday in debate over who should represent war-torn Chad at the meeting.

Conference sources said day-long ministerial discussions Tuesday and informal overnight contacts had so far failed to decide whether a representative of President Hissene Habre or of the man he toppled, Goukouni Oueddei, should take the Chad seat.

Some delegates expressed concern that the Chad issue, one of the most intractable of recent years, might become as divisive as the Western Sahara dispute.

At that session a 21-nation boycott, largely by members protesting the Polisario Front's controversial OAU membership, deprived the ministerial session of a 34-nation quorum and forced postponement of the summit which was to have followed. The current session, which has attracted 44 states, started here on Monday after the Polisario's self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) agreed to withdraw temporarily from the session.

Delegates said there were heated exchanges in the conference hall late Tuesday between supporters of President Habre and his predecessor and some delegations have threatened to withdraw from the session altogether unless the issue was solved.

Reagan, Mubarak to meet Jan. 23

CAIRO, Nov. 17 (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will meet President Ronald Reagan in Washington on Jan. 23 during a visit to the United States, the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* reported here Wednesday. Mubarak last visited the United States early this year shortly after succeeding assassinated Anwar Sadat as president.

Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, Egyptian deputy premier and defense minister, is to visit Washington this weekend. The press here has reported that he will ask Washington to increase annual military aid by \$500 million to \$1.700 million.

Congressmen confer with Mubarak

CAIRO, Nov. 17 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak is optimistic that the Middle East problem can be solved on the basis of the Camp David accords and President Ronald Reagan's peace initiative, a U.S. congressman said Wednesday.

Rep. William J. Hughes, Democrat from New Jersey who is leading a six-member delegation, said Mubarak also reiterated the importance of Jordan and other Arab parties joining in the peace process.

Following a one-hour meeting with Mubarak, Hughes quoted the president as

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali returned from Washington Tuesday night saying that Egypt and the United States were agreed on the need for a rapid resumption of the Middle East peace process.

Last weekend the Egyptian press reported that the United States would soon launch a new initiative to restart Egypt-Israel talks, suspended since May, about Tabah, a one-kilometer-square resort area on the Gulf of Aqaba still held by Israel despite its withdrawal from the rest of the Sinai Peninsula under the Camp David agreements.

welcoming a Cairo visit by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat on condition that the peace process be the main topic of discussion.

"The president is optimistic...He said the Camp David accords are the basis which can lead to a permanent solution to the Middle East problem and President Reagan's plan can also lead to a comprehensive settlement," Hughes said. Speaking to reporters, Hughes said Mubarak had emphasized the importance of "other Arab parties joining the peace process, particularly Jordan."

Draper, Shamir view troop pullout

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17 (AP) — U.S. Middle East envoy Morris Draper held talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Wednesday but there was no evident progress toward starting negotiations on troop withdrawals from Lebanon. Draper told reporters he and Shamir discussed "various ideas for moving forward." According to Israeli radio, there was no breakthrough on the issues blocking a startup of Israel-Lebanon talks.

President Reagan is sending his top

Mideast negotiator, special Ambassador Philip Habib, back to the region in a new effort to win the pullback of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

State Department officials in Washington say gaining an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon is important to demonstrate a U.S. policy success to the Arab world, so that there can be progress on wider issues of Middle East peace. But the Lebanon situation has been bogged down for weeks.

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — Afghan freedom fighters have overrun the town of Rokha, one of two positions held by security forces in the Panjsher Valley floor 100 kms north of Kabul, according to a delayed report reaching Pakistan Wednesday. The report, from field commander Masud, comes just one month after Soviet troops vacated the area leaving Afghan soldiers in a holding operation.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Hodjatolislam Bagher Hakim, an Iraqi religious leader in exile in Iran, Wednesday announced the cre-

ation of an Iraqi Islamic High Council whose aim is the overthrow of the Iraqi regime. In a press conference here, Hodjatolislam Hakim said the council was formed to lead the resistance against the Baath Party regime in Baghdad but did not constitute a government-in-exile.

KARACHI, (AFP) — The departure scheduled for Thursday of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, widow of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, for treatment in West Germany, has been postponed on medical advice, it was announced here.

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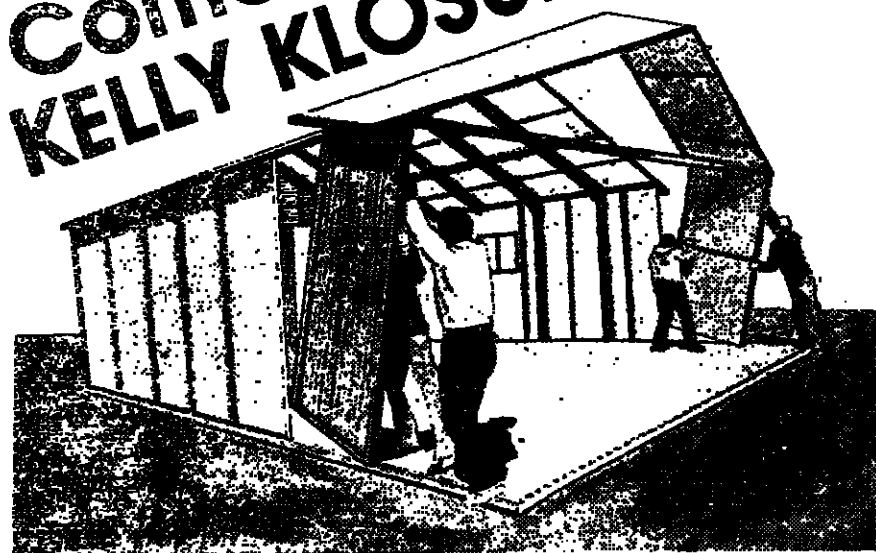
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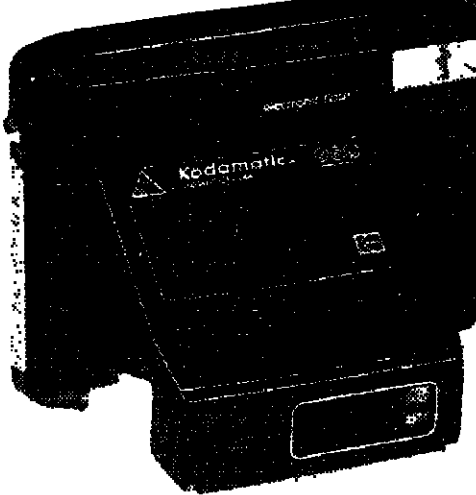
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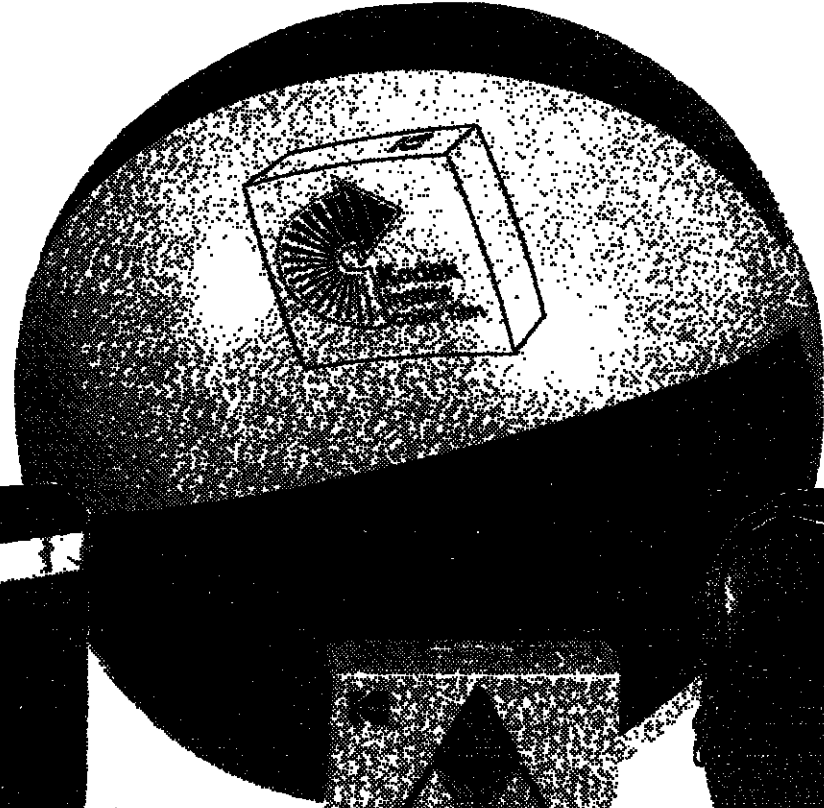
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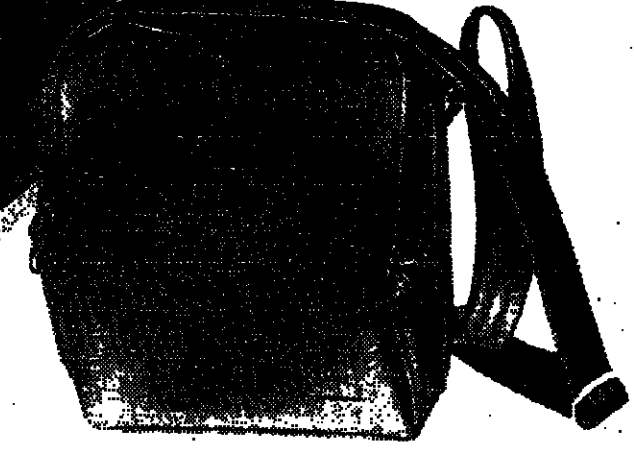
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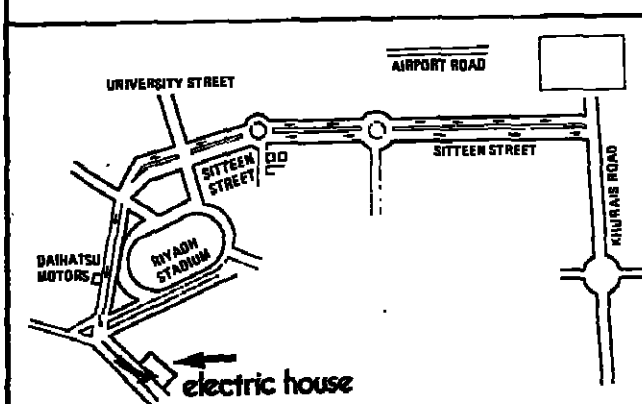
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POLISH SITUATION

The Polish situation has served to highlight the grave shortcomings of the Communist system and ideology. It also gives the lie to claims by Communists and their admirers that the ideology is a champion of the masses, the quintessence of the proletariat and the epitome of social and personal freedoms.

When poor and genuine Polish workers, who are the proletariat, formed a free trade union movement. Solidarity, to urge political and economic reforms, the regime, supported by the army, reacted with violent concern and has almost decimated the movement and paralyzed its leaders including the valiant Lech Walesa. The Soviet Union nearly pounced on the country when it sensed that its totalitarian hold may be challenged.

The release of Walesa and his colleagues may not spell any improvement in the situation. Indeed, it may indicate greater self-confidence by the military authorities and the Soviet Union and their conviction that neither Walesa nor anybody else can do much to undermine state authority. If the free trade union movement posed any threat to the Communist Party apparatus or its ideology Walesa and company would have been still behind bars.

RECIPE FOR DISASTER

The fast falling value of the pound sterling and the reported feverish selling of pounds in London yesterday should help Mrs. Thatcher pause a bit and reconsider her ill-advised monetarist policy.

Investors with money in British banks have lost considerably and confidence in the British economy to absorb such investments has been eroded. British goods may be cheaper to buy at present but imports will be more expensive than they ever were in the last ten years.

Add to this the rising rate of unemployment, falling North Sea oil prices, dropping interest rates, top it with Thatcher's obstinacy, and the result is a recipe for disaster.

Saudi Arabian press review

Wednesday's newspapers highlighted the Kingdom's role in ensuring peace and stability in the Middle East and its support for Lebanon to safeguard the country's independence and sovereignty.

Al-Riyadh welcomed King Fahd's upcoming visit to Algeria and said it was aimed at strengthening Arab solidarity and ironing out marginal Arab differences. The paper described King Fahd as a "man of conciliation and collective decisions" in view of his constructive role during the Arab summit held in Fez, Morocco, in September and the Gulf summit in Manama last week.

Al-Bilad referred to Saudi Arabia's useful contribution to a unified Arab peace plan adopted during the Fez Arab summit to resolve the Middle East conflict and ensure the legitimate Palestinian rights, including the establishment of a Palestinian state. The paper said the Kingdom's role was in line with its efforts to strengthen Arab solidarity and help the Lebanese government restore the country's Arab character.

Okaz referred to Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan's statement in which he lauded the Kingdom's diplomatic moves in checking the Israeli aggression on Lebanon, ensuring Israeli troop withdrawal and rebuilding the

country. The paper described Israel's continued occupation of parts of southern Lebanon as one of the most dangerous Zionist designs and ambitions against the Arab nation.

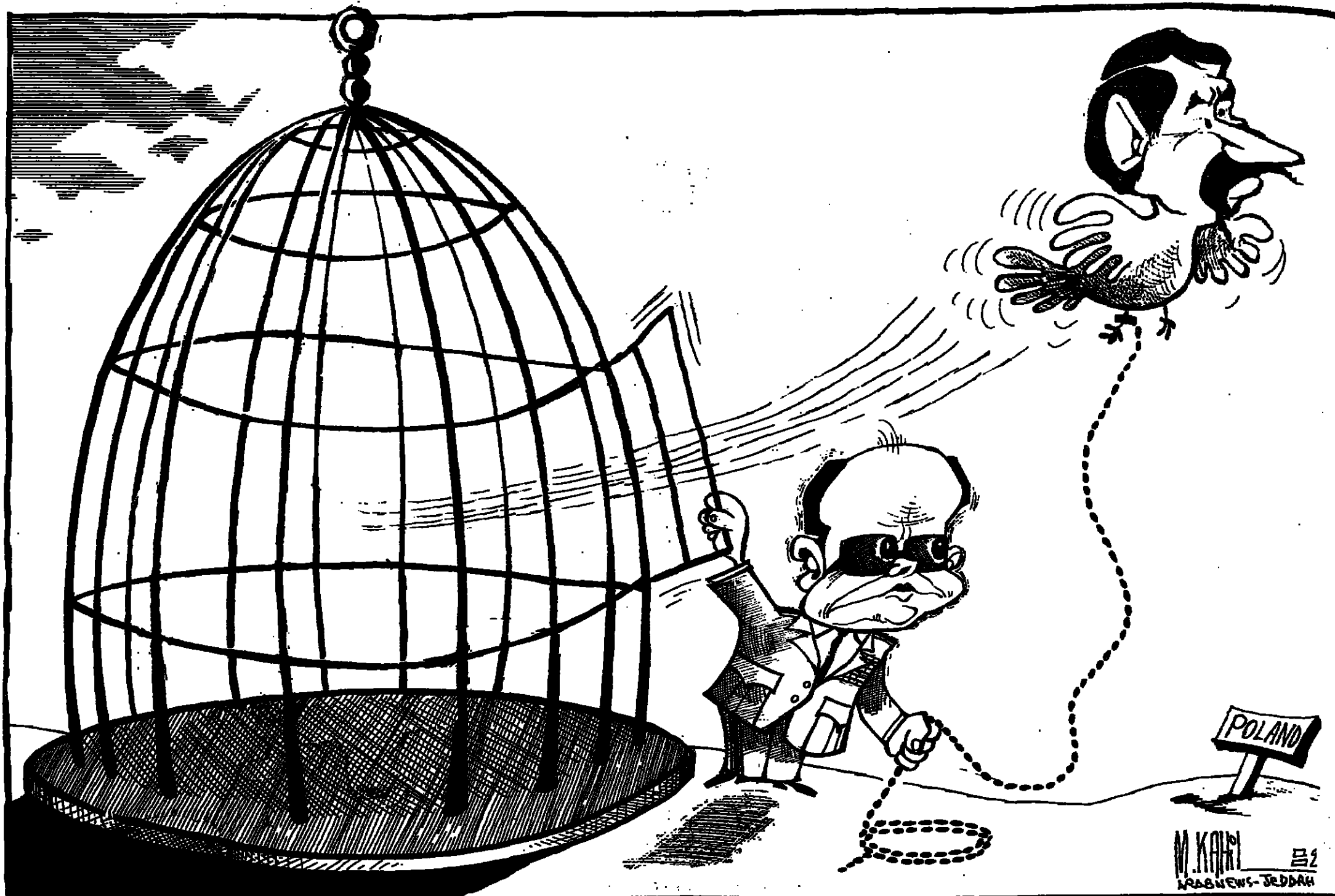
Referring to the destruction of the Israeli military headquarters in Tyre, southern Lebanon, **Al-Jadid** said the operation would force Israel to reassess its presence in Lebanon and its rejection of all diplomatic initiatives aimed at ensuring a fair and lasting solution to the Middle East problem.

"Israel is in a very crucial situation and it has no other option except to start an unconditional pullout from all Lebanese territory," the paper added.

Al-Nadwa called on the Arab countries to re-establish solidarity and unify their ranks to face Israel's challenges and expansionist policy. The paper deplored Israel's blackmail in linking its troop withdrawal from Lebanon with the signing of the so-called security accord with the country.

Al-Madina condemned Iran's rejection of all efforts aimed at ensuring peace in the Gulf region and resolving the Iraq-Iran conflict peacefully.

The paper said there was no use of conciliation in view of the lack of understanding on the part of the Iranian regime. (SPA)



U.S., Honduras 'destabilizing' Nicaragua

By Susan Morgan

In the most serious incident so far in the simmering war on the Honduran border, 42 Nicaraguan peasants were seized last week by 70 right-wing irregulars and taken back into Honduras where the right-wing exiles have their sanctuaries. Their fate is unknown.

The peasants, male and female and aged between 16 and 45, were rounded up at gunpoint as they slept in the village of San Jose de las Manos, five miles northeast of the town of Dipilto, in the frontier province of Nueva Segovia. This area is becoming a target for such raids and many inhabitants have fled.

In a sharp protest note (number 51) to the Honduran authorities, Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto demanded the safe return of the peasants and angrily criticized support by both Honduran government and army for the blood-thirsty anti-Sandinista groups. Many of the cross-border raiders are former Nicaraguan National Guardsmen, loyal to the memory of ex-dictator Anastasio Somoza.

After one recent raid, the mutilated corpses of seven Nicaraguan peasants were found near their village in Nueva Segovia. Twenty well-armed men had surrounded their homes and four others had dragged the peasants outside. They were then butchered.

Over the past few months, hundreds of peasants have been slain. Right-wing insurgents, said to number between 3,000 and 5,000, are making incursions in increasing strength, even taking over whole towns along the frontier.

Nicaragua's head of military security, Lenin Cerna, has just provided the most detailed analysis so far of these groups, who operate with the active support of both the Honduran Army and of the United States. Cerna's revelations displayed a surprising degree of infiltration of enemy forces. Using maps and charts, he pinpointed the exact location, size and facilities of the 16 operation bases dotted along the 600-mile border with Nicaragua. Some have helicopter landing strips.

Cerna provided names of unit commanders and of American and Argentine trainers integrated as second-in-command. He alleged their activities were coordinated between the U.S. ambassador to Honduras, John Negroponte, the Honduran Army chief, Gen. Gustavo Alvarez, and CIA officials. The high command of the Nicaraguan counter-revolutionary army is a mere block from the U.S. Embassy in the Honduran capital, according to Cerna.

He said his government believes the strategy behind the escalating attacks is to establish a bridgehead inside northern Nicaragua from which to launch an invasion. Diplomats here believe the next step will be a limited border war involving regular Honduran troops. The Mexican ambassador said he believes a break in diplomatic relations between the two is "imminent."

Revelations by *Newsweek* magazine of CIA destabilization of Nicaragua from within Honduras have left the Honduran Army confused, alarmed and divided: "Officers are running round like chickens whose heads have been cut off," according to one journalist just back from Honduras.

Signals from Washington are also contradictory. There is no doubt the CIA is strongly backing the right-wing terrorists but the CIA is apparently alarmed at the prospect of a full-scale Honduran attack and the danger that this could trigger a regional conflagration.

A speech by a former Honduran intelligence chief, Gen. Torres Arias, warning that his country is being dragged into a war and describing the present army chief as a psychopath was apparently prompted by the U.S. Whatever happens in Washington, this war seems certain to continue. As Cerna pointed out, Somoza's former guardsmen enjoy support from their families within Nicaragua (who are concentrated close to the frontier), and dissident Misquito Indian forces are also growing. (ONS)

Prime's spy scandal jolts Britain

By Maureen Johnson

LONDON —

Following the case of confessed Soviet spy Geoffrey Prime, a child molester who four times was cleared for top secret work, Britain is agonizing over whether it can keep its own or its allies' secrets. Last week's conviction and 38-year sentencing of the former translator at Britain's electronic intelligence-gathering center has raised fundamental questions:

How many other spies may there be? And how much more strain can the U.S.-British special intelligence relationship bear?

"I don't think we can exaggerate the damage that has been done," said former Foreign Secretary David Owen. "Above all it has damaged the respect in which our intelligence services are held, particularly in the United States."

"His (Prime's) success is a warning indictment of Britain's security services," declared the pro-Conservative *Daily Mail*.

Prime, 44, is the latest in a British list of 15 post-World War II Soviet spies to be uncovered, including career diplomats Donald Maclean, Kim Philby and Guy Burgess who all escaped to Moscow. Prime has said he worked alone.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who ordered an official inquiry into this case and British security methods generally, told parliament there was no evidence of others involved, but admitted she could not be sure. Her comments came amid reports that U.S. intelligence thinks at least one "mole" remains at the key intelligence center, Cheltenham's government security headquarters, where Prime worked. The center works with the U.S. National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland.

One major question for the inquiry is why Prime never appeared to have raised suspicions in 14 years of feeding secrets to the Soviets. According to statements at the trial, he was caught only by chance.

When picked up April 28 during what police call a routine investigation of sexual attacks, he was charged only with molesting three girls aged between 10 and 14. The prosecution said he was not questioned about spying until his wife, after nearly three weeks of agonizing, told police she found espionage equipment at their home.

The accounts of Prime's spying career indicate he traveled on his regular British passport to Vienna, Potsdam, East Germany and Berlin to meet Soviet agents. But in 1977 he abruptly quit the intelligence center to become a taxi driver.

In neither the trial nor reporting about the case have indications surfaced that his superiors asked why he made such a drastic change. Police say he told them he quit because he could no longer stand the pressure of his double life.

Police also say Prime told them he twice booked flights to defect via Helsinki after quitting, but changed his mind because he couldn't bear leaving his family. Again, reports about how he was caught contain no indication that any officials noticed these actions.

Equally worrying for the British is why the Soviets would allow a valuable "mole" to leave

Cheltenham if he was their only agent at a headquarters so vital to Western intelligence.

Chapman Pincher, journalist and spy-chasing author of the book *Their Trade Is Treachery*, asks: "Was it because there were already replacements inside to take over his work?"

Officials say Prime photographed with a miniature camera 500 top secret documents and gave them to the Soviets. But the details of what information Prime had access to were discussed in court behind closed doors. The prosecution and government officials have said he had access to "matters of utmost secrecy," and intelligence sources say he knew every Soviet communication monitored at Cheltenham and every Soviet code that had been broken.

His job as described by officials involved monitoring and transcribing communications, some already decoded by Cheltenham's computer.

Mrs. Thatcher told parliament Prime knew no nuclear secrets and did not endanger Western agents, but he alerted Moscow "to the state of our knowledge of certain important aspects of Russian defense arrangements," damaging British, U.S. and NATO interests.

The scenario indicates the Soviets had years of opportunities to feed Cheltenham lies through communications they knew were monitored.

"Even the experts still drawing up the damage assessment of Prime's treachery may never know how many of the daily intelligence reports submitted to the prime minister and the U.S. president were based on rubbish," said Pincher. (AP)

Spadolini goes, but economic woes remain

By Brian Childs

ROME —

The collapse of Italy's 11-week-old government has left a daunting backlog of unsolved economic problems for its eventual successor, according to the bankers and economists. Rising inflation and unemployment, soaring public sector borrowing, a chronic trade deficit and a shaky currency are the visible signs of years of weak economic management, they said.

Italian President Sandro Pertini Tuesday asked veteran Christian Democrat Amintore Fanfani to form the country's fifth government in three years, and 43rd in postwar history. But bankers interviewed by Reuters said only early elections appeared to offer a way out of stalemate, a prospect implying several weeks or months of weak administration.

In his 15 months of power at the head of two cabinets outgoing Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini failed to muster the political support needed to impose economic discipline. His five-way coalition of centrist, conservative Catholic and Socialist parties was paralyzed by internal divisions in the face of compound challenges.

Economists surveyed after the coalition's collapse said inflation and excessive public sector borrowing remained the most serious problems left behind by Spadolini. After months of talking his cabinet resigned at the weekend without agreeing spending cuts and tax increases accepted by all five parties as unavoidable next year.

Budget and treasury ministry estimates indicate that the public sector borrowing requirement will top 70,000 billion lira (\$50 billion) this year, equivalent to 15 percent of gross domestic product and 20,000 billion lira above target. Spadolini hoped to slash the 1983 deficit to 60,000 billion lira (\$43 billion) from a forecast 100,000 billion (\$71 billion).

Economists say the state deficit reflects ballooning expenditure on welfare, pensions and local government. In particular, government attempts to control the money supply foundered on the treasury's lack of legal power to curb spending by autonomous local authorities, they said.

Fueled by massive public spending, inflation rose to an annual 17.2 percent rate last month from a low of 15.2 percent in May and June.

The outgoing government aimed at a 16 percent average rate for this year. But former Bank of Italy Governor Guido Arli said recently the latest figures suggested inflation was accelerating toward 27 percent a year.

Attempts to hold down prices by reforming Italy's costly wage indexation system have run out of steam after more than a year of negotiations

between trade unions and industrialists. Private industrialists have said they will revoke the system in January if no new deal is struck, a move which trade unions and government economists say could lead to chaos.

Meanwhile official jobless figures are creeping higher, nearing 10 percent of the workforce at mid-year. Economists say the real figure is higher, and note that the official figures exclude thousands of temporary unemployed. Temporary layoffs cost Italy 344 million working hours in the first eight months of this year, seven percent more than in the same 1981 period, government statistics show.

Despite deepening recession, Italy's 14,000 billion lira (\$10 billion) nine-month trade deficit was only 1,000 billion less than in the same period of last year while its 731 billion lira (about \$500,000) overall payments deficit compared with a 1,580 billion lira (just over \$1 billion) surplus in the first nine months of 1981.

Bankers say high inflation and an undisciplined trade deficit have started to push the lira downward in the European Monetary System, after a 2.75 percent devaluation in June.

Foreign exchange dealers say they doubt whether government moves last week to protect the lira, by raising short-term interest rates and forcing exporters to take up foreign currency credits, can long ward off another devaluation.

At the same time, economists say, the lira's 30

Letter to the editor

"Unlicensed" doctors

Sir, I have been to one of the Royal Commission Hail clinics in Jubail Industrial City for consultation of an illness which has been pestering me for the past four years. A doctor who claims he is a member of the British Medical Association gave me a prescription of a controlled drug which is not available in the local pharmacy.

Since I was leaving for London I told him to give me the prescription paper and I can purchase it in London. To my amazement and embarrassment the pharmacist in London just wouldn't find the list, name and license number of the said doctor. The prescription was nullified.

Hence, on my return, I went on a personal probe and I can pinpoint seven doctors who have not passed their examinations and who are practicing medicine under the auspices of the Royal Commission. In other words, they are "unlicensed" doctors.

The license to practice medicine is the simplest assurance to the patient that he is being treated by a competent doctor.

Clifford A. White M. E.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 18th, the 322nd day of 1982. There are 43 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1666 — French capture Antigua, West Indies, from British.

1830 — National congress in Belgium decrees independence.

1903 — The United States and Panama sign treaty granting the United States rights to build Panama Canal.

1905 — Japan exercises protectorate over Korea.

1936 — Germany and Italy recognize Gen. Francisco Franco's government in Spain.

1941 — British troops launch attack in West African desert in World War II.

1970 — China names ambassador to the Soviet Union, restoring top-level diplomatic relations for first time in four years; West Germany and Poland agree to restore relations, ending 31 years of enmity.

1976 — Twenty-seven persons are executed in Ethiopia for alleged plots against two-year military government.

1978 — "Jonestown massacre" occurs in Guyana, with U.S. congressman and four others killed as they try to leave "People's Temple" camp — and almost 900 cult members commit suicide.

1981 — U.S. President Ronald Reagan offers to cancel plans for deploying U.S. intermediate-range missiles in Europe if Soviets dismantle comparable forces.

Thought for today: Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking — H.L. Menckin, U.S. critic (1880-1956).

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- 08.15 Registration of delegates
- 09.00 Official opening
- 09.15 Keynote speech: Computing Developments in the Middle East. Ahmad Hassan, Data Processing Company, Dept. of Health and Medical Services, Dubai, and founder of Data Processing Management Association.
- 09.45 The use of satellites — Arabast, its implications for telecommunications and data communications. Dr. Ali Al-Masari, Director General, Arab Satellite Communications Organisation
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Planning and implementing a data communications network in the Middle East. Charles Allen, Managing Director, Gulf Computing Systems
- 11.45 Local area networks. V.E. Cheong, Consultant, Secom Ltd.
- 12.30 Panel discussion
- 13.00 Lunch

- 16.00 Implementing a word processing network. M. Kera, Project Leader, Computer Service Division, ADMA-OPCO.
- 16.45 Creating an Arabic database. Christian Vassery, Project Manager, Tom Pedersen International.
- 17.30 Tea
- 18.00 Banking the SWIFT network and its impact on the Gulf banking community. K.H. Haddad, SWIFT Business Development Officer, SWIFT
- 18.45 Panel discussion

Wednesday
15th December

- 08.30 Registration of delegates
- 09.00 First systems: The issues facing a company setting up its first computer system. Dr. A.H.O. Said, Information Computer Service Manager, Qatar General Petroleum Company.
- 09.45 Introducing personal computing into the organisation. Jack Sherwood, IBM Dubai
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Interactive graphics. Mario Botton, Managing Director, Calcomp ME & A
- 11.45 Development of Arabic computer systems. Esmat Samra, General Manager, KCS

- 12.30 Panel discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 16.00 Training: Middle East initiatives in meeting local requirements. Hasham A. Alnash, Manager of Computer Training Center, Ministry of Planning, Kuwait.
- 16.45 Maintenance and support of computer systems. Ali Mousawi, Managing Director, National Enterprise for Computer Services
- 17.30 Tea
- 18.00 Training for user-friendly systems. Colin Carter, Senior Partner, Keith London Associates
- 18.45 Panel discussion

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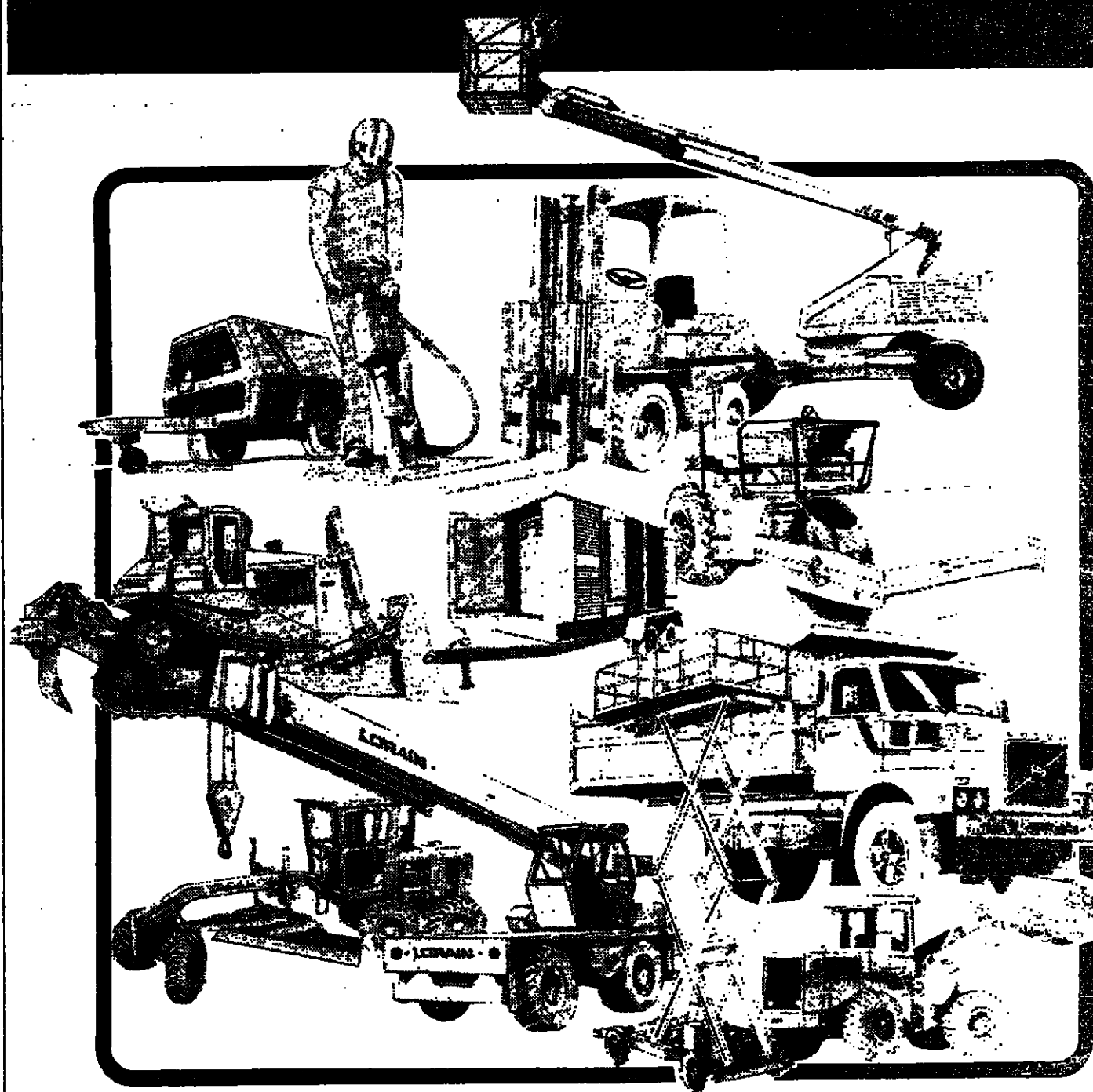
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Clues to ancient Roman life Skeletons found near Pompeii

By Marybeth Michael

WASHINGTON (R) — The largest group of human skeletons from ancient Roman times has been unearthed from a town buried by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius 19 centuries ago, scholars have announced.

Before the recent discovery, scholars believed most of the 4,000 to 5,000 citizens of Herculaneum had escaped the disaster

which destroyed neighboring Pompeii. Since the site was first explored in the 1700s only about 10 skeletons had been found. But the new discovery of more than 80 skeletons indicates the inhabitants of Herculaneum, apparently a fashionable resort for the elite from nearby Rome and Naples, had been fleeing toward the beach when they were overtaken by a searing avalanche of hot rock, researchers said.

The people had little warning that the molten rock was about to engulf them, according to Dr. Haraldur Sigurdson, a professor at the University of Rhode Island and an expert on volcanoes.

When they tried to escape, a roaring stream of ash, gas, mud and rock was already hurtling toward them at over 60 miles an hour he told a news conference sponsored by the National Geographic Society Tuesday. For many, it was too late. Most of them probably suffocated in the stifling air as they gasped for breath, he said. Then the entire town was buried by more than 18 meters of mud and volcanic debris.

In addition to uncovering the victims and personal belongings, excavators found an 8-meter-long capsized boat and beside it a skeleton clutching a primitive type of steering apparatus. Anthropologists and archaeologists believe the skeleton was that of a sailor, perhaps a helmsman, killed during an ill-fated attempt when his boat was tossed onto the beach by the turbulent sea, according to Dr. Sara Biesel, an anthropologist in charge of preserving the human remains at Herculaneum.

She believes the findings will provide the best clues so far to how the ancient Romans looked and lived. At least 75 adult skeletons are needed to adequately study a population, she said. Although about 2,000 persons perished at Pompeii 16 kms away, only about a dozen skeletons still survive which is not enough to make generalizations, she added.

So far about 36 skeletons have been removed from their resting places at Herculaneum and treated in preservatives. Dr. Biesel described one victim whose skeleton was displayed at the news conference. Judging from the sword found beside him and the shape of his bones she said he was probably a strong soldier, about 37 years of age, who rode on horseback. He was also tall for his time, about 174 cms.

"I think he was a pretty impressive looking guy," she said, adding he was not handsome because of a very large nose and missing front teeth. He was also rather well-to-do because beside him were a purse of gold coins and a handful of silver coins, she said.

Other evidence of wealth was uncovered. Dr. Biesel said. Gold rings set with gemstones adorned the hand of one female victim. Dr. Giuseppe Maggi, a regional superintendent of Italian Archaeology, said he believes the excavation will unearth many more victims.

The recent excavation project, being supported partly by National Geographic Society funds, was touched off when workers digging drainage trenches in 1980 discovered four skeletons at the 'level' of the old city under the modern town, according to him. Most of the 80 or so skeletons have been found this year, Dr. Maggi said.



HOUSES FOR THE HOMELESS: The Sri Lanka government has launched an ambitious program to build 100,000 small houses like these by 1985 using local building materials.

1987 dedicated to homeless

COLOMBO — Since the United Nations conference on human settlements held at Vancouver in 1976, a number of international conferences and forums had made recommendations calling for urgent action in the area of shelter and human settlements. Despite the efforts of the international community, the conditions of shelter and related facilities for millions of the poor and the disadvantaged in the developing world, as well as for a significant number in some developed countries, remain unsatisfactory. Aggravating the problem is the phenomenal increase in migration to urban areas and the consequent growth of large unmanageable metropolitan centers. It is estimated that at the end of the century, 25 of the 35 largest cities in the world will be in the developing countries, with two of these cities having a population of more than 25 million each.

At the 35th Session of the U.N. General Assembly, R. Premadasa, prime minister of Sri Lanka, took the initiative to call for the declaration of an international year committed to homes for the homeless. The idea behind the move was that an international year devoted to the conditions of the homeless in the developing countries would serve as an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on the problem. Accordingly, the 36th session of the General Assembly decided in principle to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. As stated in the preamble of the U.N. resolution, this would undoubtedly serve to increase public awareness of the problem at local, national and regional and global levels and lead to a

significant improvement in the situation. According to the guidelines relating to the implementation of the resolution, the expenses connected with the observance of the international year should, in principle be met from voluntary contributions. The U.N. secretary-general's report puts the total expenditure in connection with the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, at \$4.9 million of which \$4.2 million will be met from extra budgetary sources, while the balance will be a charge on the regular budget.

Sri Lanka, being the initiator, has been keen on enlisting support for the resolution and steering it toward successful implementation. From the response Sri Lanka has received from several governments it is optimistic that necessary funds in the form of voluntary contributions will be available to meet the expenditure connected with the year. A few governments had already made public announcements of financial support for the year.

At the 37th session of the U.N. General Assembly, Sri Lanka's Minister of Foreign Affairs Shabul Hammed announced that since his country had taken the initiative in this matter, his government had decided to make a contribution of \$1 million to meet 25 percent of the extra budgetary funds necessary for the expenditure of the international year. The foreign minister described this pledge from Sri Lanka as proof of its commitment to this cause and expressed the confidence that "it will be a source of encouragement to developed as well as developing countries to contribute generously to make the international year a success."

Winter winds make Peking cabbage city

By Roger Crabb

PEKING (R) — Autumn leaves are falling in Peking, but the surest sign of the approach of winter is the thick carpet of cabbage leaves on the pavements.

The Chinese capital is now caught up in an enormous retooling operation to distribute 400,000 tons of cabbage to its 9.9 million inhabitants before the bitter winter sets in. In the rush to bring all this health-giving green stuff, a vital ingredient for stodgy winter diets, into the city and allocate it, inevitably a lot of cabbage leaves fall by the wayside.

Every person has the right to 10 kilos of best quality cabbage at just five fen (2.5 cents) a kilo, plus as much of the inferior stuff as he has room to carry and store. Once he gets it home, usually strapped to the back of his bicycle, he will stack it on roof, balcony or step and cover it with something warm to keep out the worst of the frost.

Every few days throughout the long, bleak winter, a member of the family will bring a few cabbages in from the cold to make soups, dumplings and hot pots. So important is the cabbage to the morale of Peking that the Communist Party's economic guru, Chen Yun, recently exhorted people to complete the distribution operation without delay. Recalling that an early frost three years ago wiped out 50,000 tons of cabbage piled in the streets or still standing in the fields, Chen said sternly: "Don't let this happen again."

According to the lunar calendar, winter in China begins on Nov. 8, but the people of Peking have no need of a calendar to tell them when winter has come. They know it when the first fierce, freezing winds from Mongolia scour the North China plain. The wind chills everything, cutting like a knife through the thickest clothing and battering at windows and doors.

Worst of all are the dust storms. Peking with its miserly rainfall is a virtually grassless city and the winter winds whip up the top soil, tossing it about day and night in a thick cloud. The dust penetrates every room of a house, even through sealed windows, and settles on furniture, floors and walls.

Outside on the streets, the combination of dust and wind adds another peril to motoring in Peking. A driver already negotiating roads clogged with trucks, horse-drawn carts, cyclists and pedestrians has to rely on parking lights at night. The use of headlights is banned at all times.

In winter, the poor visibility is compounded by the dust-laden air. Motorists need to develop not only cats' eyes, but also catlike reflexes to avoid running over dust-blinded cyclists blown under their wheels. Veterans of Peking winters say they never seem to end, and not just because of the cabbages.

Panel urges scrutiny of genetic engineering

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential commission, citing the danger of "attempting to perfect human beings," has called for a new body to scrutinize genetic engineering techniques.

Alexander M. Capron, executive director of the commission, told a House of Representatives science and technology subcommittee Tuesday that his panel discovered "well-founded" concern that no U.S. government body was exercising adequate oversight or addressing the ethical questions surrounding genetic engineering. However, his panel, Capron said, had not found "in the gene-splicing now being planned or undertaken the 'fundamental danger' to human values, social norms or ethical principles" that alarmed religious groups that called for the commission's study in 1980.

Genetic engineering or gene-splicing consists of the rearrangement of DNA, the genetic material in all living things. It involves techniques by which scientists can add genetically determined characteristics to cells that would not otherwise have possessed them.

The commission noted public anxiety that work in the field might remake human beings, like the monster in the novel *Frankenstein*.

eggs or nests while in use be taken or destroyed. In addition, specially protected birds must not be disturbed when they are nest-building or on or near a nest with eggs or dependent young. The sale of wild birds eggs is prohibited.

The keeping and exhibition of British species of birds will be strictly controlled. Only certain listed species may be sold alive or exhibited in competition, and they must be captive bred and ringed in accordance with regulations.

The lists of birds which may be shot, either as quarry or as pests, are reduced. Certain large scale or indiscriminate methods of killing of birds are brought under control. A new licensing system will provide for the killing of birds which cause damage whilst ensuring that conservation interests are taken into account.

It will be possible for the secretary of state to establish areas of special protection where birds can be given additional protection as necessary, for example, during the nesting season. This should lead to more sanctuaries being established. The secretary of state will be able to place a temporary ban on wildfowling following disasters such as oil spills, as well as during severe cold weather.

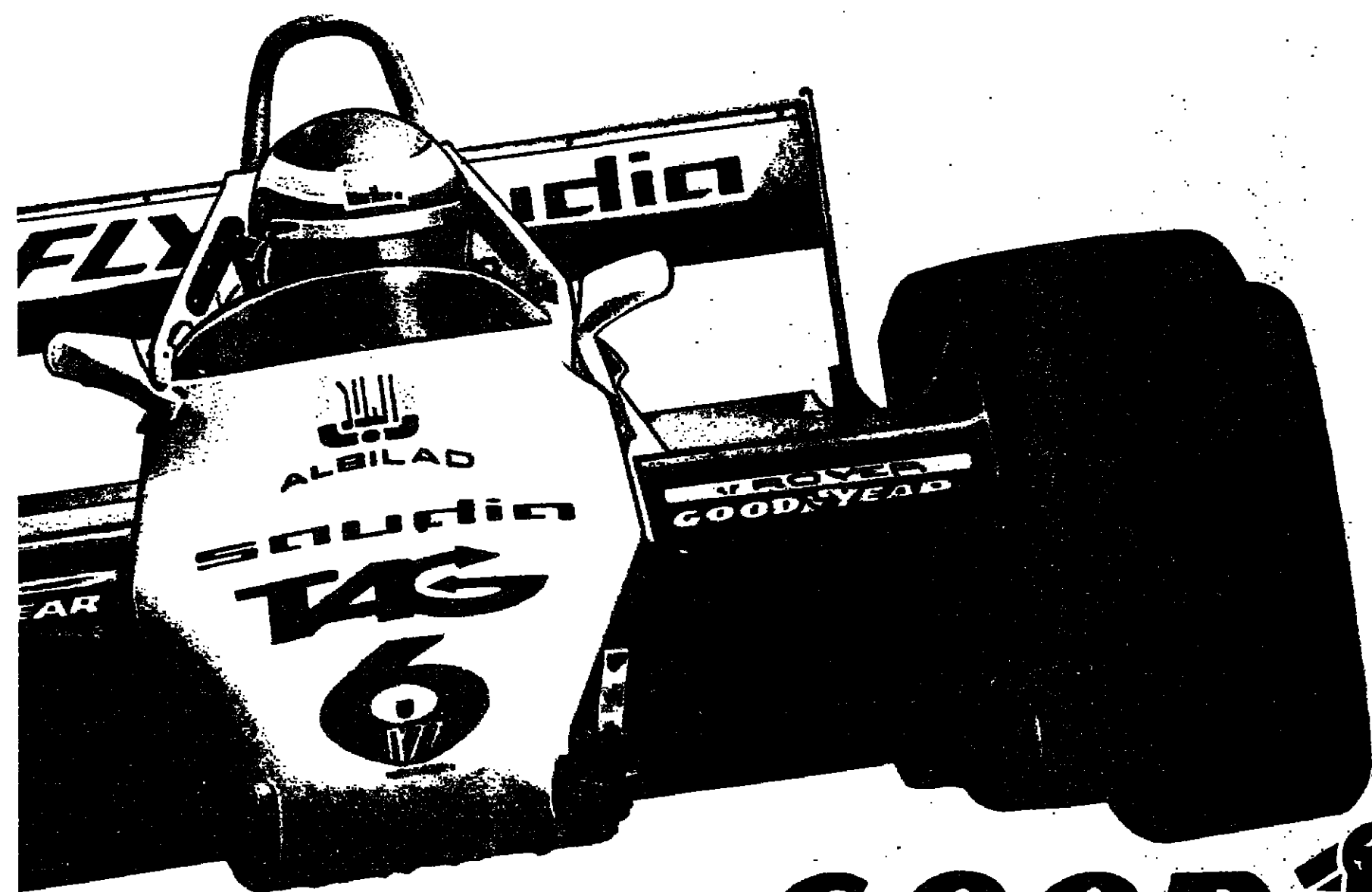
The otter in Scotland is amongst the increased list of 44 protected wild animals, which also includes some rare insects, spiders and snails. Deliberate killing, injuring, taking or selling of protected creatures will be prohibited, as will disturbance in their place of shelter. All bats are to be protected and the Nature Conservancy Council must be consulted before any action is taken which might harm bats or exclude them from their roosts, except in the living area of dwelling houses. Native amphibians and reptiles, including common frogs and grass snakes, may not be sold except under license.

Certain methods of killing or taking any wild animal are prohibited; these include self-locking snares, bows and crossbows and the use of any live mammal or bird as a decoy.

In the case of wild plants, the number of species protected is increased from 21 to 62, including eight wild orchids.

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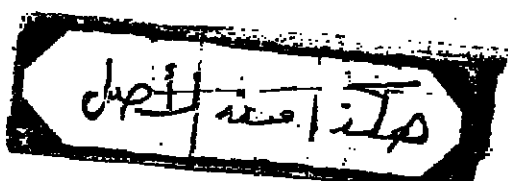
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African prisoner swap ends

LUSAKA, Nov. 17 (AFP) — A complex five-way exchange of more than 100 prisoners, with three Soviet citizens against three Americans as its centerpiece, was completed here Tuesday as planes of the Red Cross flew the men to freedom after up to six years in captivity.

The exchange, negotiated quietly for months by the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), involved the United States, the Soviet Union, South Africa, Zambia, Angola and the Angolan UNITA rebels.

It began Sunday when UNITA freed two Soviet airmen shot down in their Antonov-26 plane in 1980 in the Angola-Namibia border region. The two, Kola Molayev and Ivan Chernitsky, were taken to South Africa's Marikana Military Base in Namibia.

Tuesday night, they and Nikolai Pestretsov, a Soviet soldier captured by the South Africans during their September 1981 invasion of southern Angola, were flown to the Zambian capital together with 95 Angolan prisoners of war held by the South Africans.

It was not clear when the Angolans or the Soviets, their allies, would return to their countries. Reliable sources said the Angolans were being put up in a security area at Lusaka Airport. Nor was it immediately clear whether their chartered C-130 plane had come from Namibia or South Africa. Reliable sources said it had been delayed by technical trouble.

Almost four hours earlier, two twin-Otter aircraft also chartered by the Red Cross had put down at Lusaka Airport from Luanda bearing the three freed Americans — Gustavo Grillo, Gary Acker and Geoffrey Tyler — and two coffins containing the bodies of two South African soldiers killed in Angola. Grillo, 36, and Acker, 28, were captured by government forces in 1976 when they were fighting as mercenaries with the opposition FNL rebels in the Angolan Civil War.

Tyler, 32, had been held by Luanda since 1980, when he inexplicably landed in Angolan territory while ferrying a light plane from Abidjan, Ivory Coast, to Windhoek, Namibia. The Americans were taking a scheduled flight to Paris Tuesday night. Some reports said a Cuban soldier captured in Angola by South Africa would also be freed, there was no sign of him so far.

Journalists were not allowed to witness the arrival of the former prisoners. Glances of them could be had but two reporters were at one point told not to look out the windows of the terminal. Three reporters were briefly

Company delays new Tylenol ads

CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (AP) — A nationwide advertising campaign on behalf of Tylenol will be delayed because consumers aren't ready emotionally to buy the pain reliever that was linked to seven poisoning deaths, the manufacturer says.

James E. Burke, chairman of Johnson and Johnson, parent company of the maker of Tylenol, said Monday that the company must be wary about being too aggressive in its advertising.

The deaths six weeks ago of seven Chicago-area residents who took cyanide-spiked Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules brought to a halt a \$5 million dollars-a-year television advertising campaign by McNeil Consumer Products Co., maker of Tylenol.

The capsules were removed from store shelves nationwide after the deaths, which were confined to the Chicago area. Sales of all Tylenol products remain banned in Chicago, but Burke said he believes Mayor Jane Byrne will change the ban. Officials of McNeil are to meet with Mrs. Byrne this week.

Marketing surveys by Johnson and Johnson show that 77 percent of Tylenol users would resume buying the product if it came in a tamper-resistant container, such as the one the company introduced last week, Burke said.

Moon rock found

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (R) — Scientists in Antarctica have discovered a small green stone which almost certainly came from the moon, the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) announced. The government agency said it could be one of the most significant finds in the field of planetary sciences in years.

The one-inch lime-green cube, weighing only an ounce, was found in the Allan Hills ice field last January by a team led by geologist William Cassidy. "It has been suggested for years that fragments have been knocked off the moon meteor impact," Cassidy said in a statement. "But this could be the first concrete evidence that such a process actually is occurring."

The rock is being studied by Dr. Brian Mason, curator of the Smithsonian Institution's department of mineral sciences in Washington, D.C., who described it as "an exciting, major scientific finding." One official of the NSF, which sponsors all U.S. scientific activities in Antarctica, told Reuters the scientists are "99.9 percent" sure the meteorite is from the moon.

Chained girl dies in fire

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP) — A father was charged with unlawful imprisonment after his 18-year-old daughter died while chained to a ceiling beam in the basement where a fire broke out, authorities say.

Firefighters found the body of Marilyn Nabriet when they were called to extinguish the fire in the single-story brick house around 10:30 a.m. Monday in New York's Queens Borough.

A detective said Miss Nabriet's father, Marvin Nabriet, a 42-year-old auto mechanic, told him he was afraid the girl would become immoral.

Capt. Michael Luki, a detective, said the young woman had been restrained by an 11-foot chain that ran from a ceiling beam to a bicycle lock at her ankle. She was unable to escape the fire because of the chain, which fire department spokesman John Mulligan said was about half an inch thick.

detained for interrogation by Zambian soldiers and one had his notebook confiscated and was ordered out of the airport.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman bailed the release of the prisoners as "an encouraging sign of international cooperation" and the freeing of the three Americans as "a gesture of good faith on the part of the Luanda authorities."

One U.S. official said Washington is hopeful that the successful swap will help negotia-

U.S. to appeal draft decision

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17 (AP) — The federal government says a judge's decision invalidating the draft registration program in the United States "is wrong" and warned 18-year-old men to sign up or face prosecution while the ruling is appealed.

"The department of Justice believes the (judge's) opinion is wrong and will proceed with investigations and prosecutions of non-registrants in a routine manner," Justice Department spokesman Arthur Brill said Tuesday.

Government lawyers on Tuesday testified at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of appeal that they will appeal a judge's dismissal of charges against admitted draft registrant resister David Wayne, said Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Williams.

Lindy delivers, but baby taken away

DARWIN, Australia Nov. 17 (AFP) — Lindy Chamberlain, convicted recently of murdering her own baby, gave birth to another daughter Wednesday but the child was taken away from her. The 34-year-old Mrs. Chamberlain, jailed for life for killing her nine-week-old daughter Azaria in 1980, gave birth in Darwin prison hospital. Her husband, Michael Chamberlain, was convicted of being an accessory after the fact, but was released.

Prison officials told Mrs. Chamberlain that she will not be allowed to see the baby again unless she wins an application for bail to be released from imprisonment pending an

appeal hearing.

The new baby was taken to the hospital nursery, officials said. Prison officials rejected all gifts and seized a bouquet of flowers from a friend because they said such items were a security risk. Mrs. Chamberlain, who was nearly eight months pregnant when the trial which attracted worldwide headlines opened in Darwin, was not permitted any messages, but her husband was allowed to remain with her for several hours.

At her trial Mrs. Chamberlain said a dingo (wild dog) had taken her baby while the family was on a camping holiday at Ayer's Rock in the northern territory.

U.S. District Court Judge Terry Hatter Jr., ruled Monday in Los Angeles the government had violated Wayne's right to free speech by prosecuting only vocal opponents of the draft. Hatter also said the government had acted improperly by putting the registration rules into effect "a mere 21 days" after they were published in the federal register in 1980, instead of 30 days as required.

Selective Service spokeswoman Joan Lamb said Tuesday the agency's lawyers were studying Hatter's ruling. In the meantime, she said, young men were expected to continue registering.

Wayne, 21, had maintained he resisted the draft because he wrote letters opposing the draft to former President Jimmy Carter and Selective Service.

Bias admitted in reporting of 3rd World

DAKAR, Nov. 17 (AFP) — Reporting about the Third World too often shows a Western bias which does not always take into account the culture and priorities of poor countries, Agence France-Presse director general Henri Pigeat admitted.

Addressing the opening session of a five-day conference of the union of French-language journalists and press here Monday, he said that unfortunately news was "never totally impartial." It was written by people and was liable to be interpreted in different ways by its supplier and receiver.

Pigeat said only a strictly professional approach would solve the problems of today's ever-increasing flow of news. The international debate over news and its treatment also had to be taken out of the political deadlock in which it had become trapped and been poisoned, he said.

The rows over the issue during the past decade has been "almost always disappointing," he said, because politics had often produced a "superficial diagnosis" and proposed only "illusory cures."

But it may be wrong to accuse the Western media of only paying attention to the Third World's disasters and difficulties and not to its development achievements. The news agencies and other major media in the rich countries did examine the achievements of the Third World, he said, and if they also publicized its failures and problems, they did that too with deficiencies of industrialized societies.

The AFP chief told the conference that the French-speaking world offered a special opportunity to find a solution to these problems. It possessed a high capacity for dialogue, he said, which transcended political, economic and cultural differences, and also had good technology.

Indira party takes over state

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress (I) Party Wednesday assumed power in Nagaland, a sensitive northeastern Indian state beset by decade-old secessionist violence. A new Congress (I) ministry headed by S.C. Jamir, 51, was sworn in the state capital Kohima, ending the rule of a local party — the Naga National Democratic Party — news agency reports said.

Mrs. Gandhi, who turns 66 next Friday, herself toured the mountainous state to canvas support for her party which contested last week's election and bagged 24 of the 60 seats in the state's assembly. The Naga party secured an equal number of seats but the Congress finally managed to get support from a section of the 12 independent candidates who

were returned to the assembly.

For Mrs. Gandhi the Nagaland election was crucial for ensuring stability in the state and smooth relations with her federal government. With her party in power in Nagaland, the Congress (I) now rules 19 of India's 22 states. In the remaining three states the Communists and a local party are in power.

Although there has been a lull in violence in Nagaland in recent times, India maintains one of its strongest paramilitary forces in the state which has a population of 773,281. The 16,527-square-kilometer state is a narrow strip of mountainous territory between the valleys of Assam and Burma. In the east, it shares India's international boundary with Burma and on the remaining sides is surrounded by other Indian states.

Japan to revise offending textbooks

TOKYO, Nov. 17 (AFP) — A special committee of Japanese educational experts recommended that Japan respect the feelings of neighboring countries in textbooks accounts of recent Asian history. This recommendation should pave the way for removal of the offending passages that had sparked a regional diplomatic row last summer.

Education Minister Heiji Ogawa, whose visit to Communist China had to be canceled at the height of the controversy last August, Tuesday formally accepted the experts'

recommendation, calling it an "appropriate proposal." The recommendation allows textbooks editors to proceed with the changes, as promised by the government, as early as next year, one year earlier than the government had said.

China and South Korea were among the Asian countries to express dismay at recently revised sections of Japanese history textbooks which played down Japanese responsibility in World War II and minimized the suffering of Chinese and Koreans under the Japanese occupation.

Prem arrives for Peking parleys

PEKING, Nov. 17 (AFP) — Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda arrived here Wednesday for four days' talks with top Chinese leaders expected to focus on the Cambodian issue. Official sources said that as soon as the Thai premier arrived, he was to have a first meeting with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang.

Gen. Prem, who is also defense minister, was accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising his foreign minister, Marshal Sitti Sawetasil, and top officials from the defense, security and oil ministries.

The visit follows soon after the anti-Vietnamese coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and including the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge and the forces of nationalist leader Son Sann, retained the Cambodian seat at the United Nations with an increased majority compared to previous years, despite opposition from Vietnam and its Soviet bloc allies.

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Hints at retaliation

GATT talks success vital, U.S. tells allies

BRUSSELS, Nov. 17 (AFP) — United States special Trade Representative William Brock has warned America's European partners against allowing next week's GATT ministerial conference at Geneva on world trade to misfire.

His renewed warning about the possible consequences of a negative outcome to the talks also appeared directed at other countries, including Japan and Third World nations, which are opposing U.S. initiatives in preliminary meetings.

In a telephone interview from Washington, Brock told a group of European correspondents here Tuesday that "public perception" was so important that "if the ministerial (meeting) is perceived as a failure, no matter what is the contents of the final document, it

will be very, very difficult to contain reactive pressures" for protectionist measures both in the U.S. and in other countries.

Brock strongly emphasized that there was at present "a clear and substantial majority" in the U.S. Congress prepared to back action to protect the U.S. market.

He said the Reagan administration was looking for a "very strong political document" committing GATT contracting parties to abstain from any new protectionist measures and to start seeking solutions to current problems.

Specific commitments on such issues as export subsidies, and action to deal with questions like safeguards and the settlement of disputes in GATT. Agreement to launch a program of studies of current and future problems in such areas as services, trade-related investments and the "North-South dialogue."

On services, Brock said: "We're not asking for negotiations, all we are asking and it isn't very much, is that the GATT establishes a program to study the problems in the service area in terms of trade."

It did not make sense, he said, that merchandise trade kept growing while services remained "banned by national measures." "Other countries do have to understand what is at stake," he said.

A strong group of developing countries has rejected the U.S. proposal on this point in current preparatory talks in Geneva, where a still incomplete compromise draft political declaration and draft texts for decisions on a whole range of issues was formally tabled Tuesday night in the GATT council.

The key bone of contention between the U.S. and the European Economic Community (EEC) is alleged EEC export subsidies for agricultural commodities.

De Lorean gets OK for sale of assets

DETROIT, Nov. 17 (R) — A federal bankruptcy court approved the sale of most of John De Lorean's car company assets in the United States to two Ohio firms for \$1.5 million.

After the court approved the sale to Consolidated International and Group Investors, both of Columbus, Ohio, a De Lorean source said the former car executive was one of the company's secured creditors.

Being a secured creditor of his own firm, De Lorean will obtain preferential treatment, along with two other creditors, when funds from the sale of De Lorean Motor Company assets are distributed to the 700 to 730 secured and unsecured lenders.

A De Lorean attorney said the Michigan-based car company owes nearly \$650 million to its creditors, most of which could never be repaid, for their aid to De Lorean in helping him launch his sports car venture.

The firm's creditors include accounting and law firms, banks, private investors and car industry suppliers. Creditors will be repaid one percent at most of outstanding debt, according to De Lorean attorney Lawrence Snider.

Bonn may fail to honor pledges

BONN, Nov. 17 (R) — West Germany may not be able to meet some aid pledges to developing countries next year because of financial problems facing the Bonn government, a member of the major governing party's budget committee has said.

Christian Democrat Horst Schroeder said a 742 million mark (\$297 million) deficit had been revealed in the development aid ministry's budget for next year.

He told a news conference the ministry lacked the means to fulfil 1983 Third World capital aid agreements totaling 512 million marks (\$205 million) as well as 230 million marks (\$92 million) pledged to multilateral institutions involved in helping developing countries.

Schroeder did not say which countries or institutions the shortfall would affect. No figures were available for total aid originally earmarked for 1983. However, the development aid ministry's overall budget as to have

Indonesia sets sights on indigenous cars

JAKARTA, Nov. 17 (Depthnews) — By 1987, cars rolling off Indonesian assembly lines will have to be totally manufactured locally. This means all components for motor vehicle assembly will have to be domestically produced and no longer imported.

The government's determination to implement the plan was expressed by Industry Minister A.R. Soehodo. "The government's plan on this question is already fixed. Motor vehicle assemblers must not be carried away by short-term profits that would induce them not to advance to the manufacturing stage," he said in dedicating a car assembly plant recently.

According to Soehodo, Indonesia currently is the biggest automobile market in Southeast Asia. Half of the market in the five-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations is in this country, he added.

In 1981, 209,000 four-wheel motor vehicles were produced in Indonesia, up from 173,000 in 1980. Most of those produced are in the so-called commercial vehicle category — buses, trucks, pickups and vans — totaling 183,000 units. In contrast, only 26,000 sedan-type cars were built.

Since the government ban on imported

cars in 1974, the Indonesian automobile industry has gradually developed from assembly of totally imported components to assembly of locally manufactured parts.

The industry now manufactures its own radiators, springs, shock absorbers, mufflers, glass panes, car seats and bodies, cabins and chassis for vehicles under one ton, tires, wheels and fuel tanks. Over the next five years the industry hopes to produce its own engines, transmissions, axles and steering suspension systems.

In a trial-and-error start, Indonesia's open-door foreign investment law of 1967 allowed a multitude of foreign car makers to set up assembly plants and dealerships. European and Japanese makes, in particular, fiercely fought it out in the limited Indonesian market. American models found it hard to compete because of the Indonesians' lack of preference for gas guzzlers.

The small turnover of top models like Volvo, Mercedes, Toyota and Nissan were nevertheless considered as money-spinners in the '70s. Great demand from a growing number of affluent Indonesians permitted car manufacturers and dealers to increase the price tag five to six times the listed price

in the country of origin. Thus a brand-new Mercedes 280 could fetch \$30,000 from an Indonesian buyer compared to the \$5,000 for a West German customer.

Demand for privately-owned passenger cars leveled off in the late '70s. The big market now is in commercial vehicles. And the reason is not hard to find. Steady economic growth of between 5 and 9 percent annually over the past five years has spurred a need for transport vehicles to serve the various expanding sectors of the economy.

Construction firms need trucks to carry steel and cement to work sites. Farmers and cooperatives depend on pickups to deliver their agricultural produce to the big towns and cities. Manufacturing firms use vans to transport their packaged goods to distributors. Commuters count on city buses as well as means for inter-city travel.

There is a greater preponderance of Fuso diesel trucks from Mitsubishi and Mercedes passenger buses on the roads in Java and the other islands than private cars.

Following the initial boom of makes that scrambled for customers in Indonesia, the government has lately moved to limit the number of models.

Air France faces loss

PARIS, Nov. 17 (R) — State-owned Air France said it expected to make a loss of 800 million francs (\$109 million) in 1982.

But Chairman Pierre Giraudet said Tuesday the company was in better shape than some other airlines and had no plans to shed staff or cancel aircraft orders although it would slow its investment program. "We must be ready when the recovery comes," he told the French Aerospace Press Association.

The expected loss, on turnover estimated at 20 billion francs (\$2.7 billion), compared with a deficit of 380 million francs (\$52 million) in 1981.

The world airline industry is unlikely to show signs of recovery until at least 1984, according to estimates by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

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Caribbean pins hopes on Reagan plan

OCHO RIOS, Nov. 17 (AP) — Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga opened a Caribbean summit conference here Tuesday by urging the U.S. Congress to approve U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposals for helping alleviate the region's severe economic crisis.

It is with some urgency that I express the hope that the legislative approval to enact this bill will be finalized this year," Seaga told government leaders from 12 other countries. "It would be difficult to discount expectations much longer," he said.

Seaga spoke at the opening ceremony of the Caribbean Community and common

French prices up

PARIS, Nov. 17 (AFP) — French prices rose 0.5 percent last month, pushing the price index up 7.6 percent since the beginning of the year and 9.3 percent since October 1981, the statistics institute Insee has announced.

Price went up 0.3 percent in July and August, and 0.4 percent in September.

October was the last month to be covered by the government's four-month price and wage freeze, which was replaced Nov. 1 by a system of price controls. The government aims at an annual price increase of less than 10 percent for this year, compared to 14 percent last year.

been nearly 6.3 billion marks (\$2.5 billion).

Schroeder blamed the previous left-liberal government for proposing aid more than available resources. He said the deficit made the stimulation of private West German investments in the Third World imperative.

The present center-right government under Chancellor Helmut Kohl came to power six weeks ago after ousting Helmut Schmidt's administration.

Uwe Holtz, chairman of parliament's all-party policy committee for development aid and a member of the previous administration, said the Schmidt government's planning had been based on a projected 10 per cent annual rise in development aid expenditure. He told a news conference that the former development aid minister, Rainer Obergfeld, could not have foreseen the present fall in government income when making the plans years before.

market-CARICOM-heads of government summit conference a three-day, closed-door meeting intended to further regional political and economic unity.

Reagan's initiative, which also would benefit Central America, proposed \$350 million in emergency aid and a 12-year period of duty-free entry into the United States for most Caribbean exports.

But U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, told reporters the legislation would be pushed aside by more important domestic issues at the special congressional session which begins Nov. 29.

Rostenkowski and other committee members spent Monday meeting Caribbean leaders on behalf of the committee and President Reagan. He said he had assured the Caribbean leaders that the legislation would be revived the next regular session, in six or eight months.

Seaga said Latin America and the Caribbean, traditionally an area of relatively high economic growth, had been severely affected by the "worst global recession in 50 years... a recession which shows no sign of an early end."

He said the region's gross national product had declined by 1.4 percent and per capita income was off by 2.7 percent in 1981.

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Despite growing opposition

Reagan vows to pursue plan

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 17 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan demanded that Congress must not tamper with his income-tax cuts, the big buildup in United States defense spending, or try to enact a big public works program to create jobs, declaring "we will not negate all the good we accomplished in these first 22 months."

Despite growing pressure to change the course he has vowed to stay, Reagan served notice on the coming session of Congress that he is in little mood to compromise on his basic economic program for the United States. Those who claim it is not working, he said, are merely waging a "propaganda campaign."

As for calls by Democrats and some Republicans for a dramatic effort to ease 10.4 percent joblessness, Reagan said: "Let's quit kidding ourselves. We will not solve the problems of unemployed auto workers and steel workers with another giant, temporary, public works program, financed by depleting

still more of the nation's precious seed-corn."

The president spoke before the U.S. League of Savings Associations, whose industry is suffering its worst financial battering since the depression. Savings and loans losses are expected to run upward of \$5.1 billion this year.

Despite projections both within and outside the administration that future budgets could run deficits hitting \$200 billion per year, Reagan denied any effort to cancel or revise the tax cut in store next year.

"We cannot permit the Congress to take away the third year of the people's tax cut or the indexing provision (which prevents workers' from being put into higher tax brackets because of inflation) and we're not going to allow it to do that," said Reagan.

He said the U.S. government spent \$66 billion on jobs programs in the seven years

ending in 1981 but that unemployment increased during the period and the economy deteriorated. "What the unemployed need most is a broad-based economic recovery," Reagan said, adding that his own policies are beginning to have an impact.

He said the nation's top priority "is to restore America's industrial power." He said his planned increase in defense spending 7 percent after inflation will leave the Pentagon with about 30 percent of the total federal budget. "It used to run around half," he said.

He added, "there is simply no escaping the truth: Current and projected deficits result from sharp increases in non-defense spending. If the United States is to meet its investment challenge we must get growth of non-defense spending under control once and for all."

Bundesbank may trim rates

FRANKFURT, Nov. 17 (R) — Commercial bank economists here say they are confident the Bundesbank will bring down West German interest rates further before the end of this year.

But they say the dollar's current strength, concern about imported inflationary pressures and the absence so far of a long awaited cut in the U.S. Federal Reserve's 9.5 percent discount rate make it unlikely the Bundesbank will act to lower interest rates when its council meets this week.

Dieter Wermuth, chief economist at Citibank AG, said the Bundesbank's Leeway is largely dependent on U.S. developments. He and other economists said the Federal Reserve Board may be able to cut the U.S. discount rate by one full percentage point by the end of the year to 8.5 percent, though this would probably give the Bundesbank scope for only a half point cut in its seven percent lombard and six percent discount rates.

Economists said the Bundesbank will be anxious to avoid any overhasty rate cut that

could increase inflationary pressures.

The Bundesbank has persisted with its relaxation of monetary policy recently, tolerating a weak mark against the dollar in an effort to stimulate the economy, economists said. But they added another cut in rates now could push the mark even lower than its current range, near a six-year low.

These factors make it more likely that the Bundesbank will delay any rate cut at least until its meeting Dec. 2, when it is due to set next year's target for monetary growth, they said.

Although official figures show West German import prices fell 0.6 percent in the year to September, and on the face of it look encouraging, Citibank's Wermuth calculated that since they have been rising at an annualized rate of 10 percent.

The delay in the expected U.S. discount rate cut has been a factor recently depressing West German capital markets, which reckoned with further falls in interest rates both in the U.S. and here, the economists said.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (R) — The capacity utilization rate of U.S. factories fell to 68.4 percent seasonally adjusted in October from a revised 69.2 percent in September, the Federal Reserve Board said. Initially the Fed said factories operated at 69.1 percent of capacity in September.

LONDON, (R) — U.K. average earnings in September were 6.8 percent higher than a year ago, after a 7.8 percent rise in the year to August, the employment department said. The underlying rate of earnings growth eased to 8.75 percent in the year to September from nine percent in the 12 months to August, it added.

ANKARA, (R) — The Turkish wholesale price index fell 0.2 percent in October to cut the year-on-year rise to 21.2 percent the lowest rate for several years, after 23.5 percent in September, trade ministry figures showed. The index, base 1963, stood at 4,512 in October after 4,521 in September and 3,721.1 in October last year.

ROME, (R) — Italian net official reserves fell to \$35.7 billion in September from 36.8 billion in August, the Bank of Italy said. The September figure compared with 47.7 billion in the same month last year.

GUATEMALA CITY, (R) — Guatemala has imposed import ceilings on 1,650 products to save foreign exchange. The curbs, which last to end-1983, will in some cases keep purchases to 20 percent of 1981 levels. The central bank also announced it will authorize banks to sell only \$2,000 a year to Guatemalans traveling abroad.

OTTAWA, (R) — Canada's budget deficit rose to \$1.69 billion in August from a \$672 million deficit in August 1981, the finance department said. Revenues fell to \$4.15 billion from \$4.23 billion a year ago, while spending rose to \$5.84 billion from \$4.91 billion.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain's production of paper and board dropped to its lowest levels for over 25 years over the first nine months of this year, according to the latest figures from the British Paper and Board Industry Federation. Over the January/September period about 2.4 million metric tons were produced, compared with 2.5 million tons at the same stage in 1981.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French government plans a fourth 1982 bond issue of 10 billion francs (\$1.4 billion), the Paribas group, which is handling the issue has said.

Japan plans further cuts in tariffs

TOKYO, Nov. 17 (R) — Japan is planning to cut import tariffs on 228 items by an average 48 percent from April 1 next year, its second package of tariff cuts aimed at promoting imports, the finance ministry said.

Some 13 items have been added to the list of 215 on which the government announced last May that it would in principle cut import tariffs. The cuts have to be approved by the Diet (parliament) before taking effect, the ministry said.

The package of tariff cuts announced last May was designed to answer criticism from Japan's major trading partners of its large trade surpluses and barriers to imports.

In calendar 1981 Japan's trade surpluses with the U.S. and the European Economic Community were \$16 billion and \$10 billion respectively.

The cuts, including elimination of tariffs for 97 items and reductions for 131, would cost Japan 17 billion yen a year in lost tariff income, the ministry said.

Malta to impose wage freeze

VALLETTA, Nov. 17 (R) — The Maltese government is to freeze wages and prices from Jan. 1, ending a 10-year tradition of annual cost of living increases and a yearly bonus to workers.

Finance Minister Lino Spiteri Tuesday night announced a budget package designed to stem rising unemployment, falling exports and a slump in tourism.

He said that Jan. 1, 1983 collective agreements between unions and employers would be banned. There would be no additional taxation during the year and no increases in social benefits. Malta has about 9,000 jobs, 7.8 percent of the workforce.

The government is also to end a concession through which individual Maltese were able to invest abroad up to 500 Maltese pounds (about \$1200).

Only the 34 members of the ruling Malta Labor Party were in the chamber to hear Spiteri read his budget. Members of the Nationalist Party have not attended the House of Representatives since last December's general elections which they say were unfair.

Mexico registers \$2.8b trade gain

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 17 (R) — Mexico posted a trade surplus of \$2.88 billion for the first nine months of 1982 against a deficit of \$2.69 billion for the same period last year, the budget and planning ministry said.

During the January-September period this year, Mexico exported \$14.87 billion of goods, mainly crude oil, compared to \$14.55 billion last year.

Imports were \$11.99 billion over the first nine months of the year, against the 17.24 billion last year. All figures are free on board. Analysts attributed the import drop to the peso devaluation in February.

Financial Roundup

Dollar continued to slide

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — The dollar fell back on the European and New York exchanges as profit-taking and cutting back on long dollar positions began to erode the dollar's dominance on the exchange markets. Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates were about 1/4 percent lower in the Tuesday night New York markets to take the rate to 9 1/4 percent. This triggered some speculation that the "Fed" might announce a cut in the discount rate during the next few days, and Eurodollar deposit rates fell as a consequence.

In the money markets, dollar deposit rates were easier by between 1/16 to 1/8 percent in most period with the sharpest falls coming in the shorter end of the market and taking the week-fixed to 11 1/16 percent levels.

In the bullion markets both gold and silver prices were up over Tuesday levels with gold trading at \$415.00 an ounce and silver trading at over \$9.82 at one stage. On Tuesday the prices had been \$408 and \$9.46 respectively, and dealers are confident that the new higher levels could be sustained.

The local dealers were also more cautious Wednesday, and most rial deposit rates saw a small fall with the one-week period now quoted at 8 1/2-9 percent from nearly 9 1/4 percent levels reached Tuesday. The other fixed tenors also saw a fall and the one-month JIBOR traded 1/4 percent lower at 8 1/4-9 1/4 percent while the one-year deposit remained unchanged at 10-10 1/4 percent levels.

Most transactions were carried out in the short periods as operators were waiting to see what happens to Eurodollar interest rates and if the Federal Reserve will cut its discount rate.

On the exchanges spot rial/dollar rate were unchanged over Tuesday levels of around 3.4405-10 prices but business picked up toward close of business as the dollar's decline seemed to have halted in Europe.

The American dollar did certainly lost ground on the European exchanges, especially against the Japanese yen which rose to 261.30 levels from 264.90 on Tuesday. The French franc rose to 7.2850 from 7.3100 levels and by close of business had made further gains to trade at 7.2430 levels without apparent French central bank support.

The Swiss franc was also stronger at 2.1830 levels from 2.2100 on Tuesday but the major currency to fall against dollar was the British pound. Sterling traded at a record 6-year low of 1.5930 on Wednesday, continuing Tuesday's downward fall when it had recorded 1.6130 levels. The markets were not comforted by some modest Bank of England support and concluded that the pound will be weakened further as British interest rates are allowed to fall.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 410.05
Paris 413.50
Frankfurt closed
Zurich 413.75
Hong Kong 409.42

EEC, Hong Kong talks stalled

BRUSSELS, Nov. 17 (AFP) — Textile negotiations between the European Economic Community (EEC) and Hong Kong for a bilateral deal on imports for 1983-86 were at a standstill Wednesday with Hong Kong's representatives here refusing to talk until the EEC comes up with a new offer, a diplomatic source said.

Informal talks were held Monday between the Hong Kong delegation led by Trade Director Lawrence Mille and the EEC commission which is acting for the community. Formal negotiations were scheduled for Wednesday but they are now unlikely to begin until Thursday, the source said.

As in July and September, Hong Kong rejects outright a 12 percent quota cut sought by the EEC. Representatives of the EEC member countries were meeting Wednesday to seek ways of getting the Hong Kong delegation to start discussions.

But EEC sources said the commission was unable to obtain a mandate different from the one it received last month from EEC foreign ministers. This mandate lays down that no further concessions must be allowed to "dominant" suppliers, meaning Hong Kong, South Korea and Macao.

If negotiations fail to take place with Hong Kong, the matter goes back to the foreign ministers who meet Nov. 22 and 23. EEC officials said, however, that negotiations with the Philippines and Malaysia would probably be completed this week. These countries were making requests regarded as excessive by the EEC, but an agreement seemed possible.

These two countries along with Singapore and Indonesia will on Thursday meet the commission to discuss the EEC suggestion that they share out unused quota amounts among themselves.

On Thursday negotiations take place with Singapore and on Friday with Malaysia. On Friday the commission begins talks with South Korea and Macao, and these were expected to be a tough as those with Hong Kong.

A Brazilian team arrived Wednesday. Argentina, meanwhile, has declined a bilateral textile deal, due to mention of the Falkland Islands in the EEC's Rome treaty as being part of the community. Argentina considers that a deal with the EEC would imply recognition of British sovereignty over the islands.

Britain lends \$11.8m to Egypt

CAIRO, Nov. 17 (R) — Britain signed an agreement to extend a 7.3 million sterling (\$11.8 million) interest-free aid loan to Egypt for the development of a phosphate factory north-east of Cairo.

The loan is repayable over 25 years with a seven-year grace period. Signatories of the agreement were the British ambassador in Cairo, Sir Michael Weir, and Egypt's minister for investment and international cooperation, Wagih Shindi.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	14.67	14.67
Belgian Franc (1,000)	69.10	69.10
Canadian Dollar	281.00	281.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	134.00	133.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	123.30	123.30
Egyptian Pound	3.35	3.34
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	47.50	47.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)	47.15	47.15
Indian Rupee (100)	34.95	34.95
Iranian Rial (100)	6.25	23.30
Israeli Sheqel	23.40	23.30
Italian Lira (10,000)	13.00	13.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.41	9.41
Jordanian Dinar	9.45	9.41
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.75	11.725
Lebanese Lira (100)	84.50	84.35
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75	53.85
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	27.08
Philippines Peso (100)	35.15	35.15
Pound Sterling	5.83	5.60
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)	155.45	155.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	26.70
Swiss Franc (100)	156.60	156.40
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar	75.25	75.10
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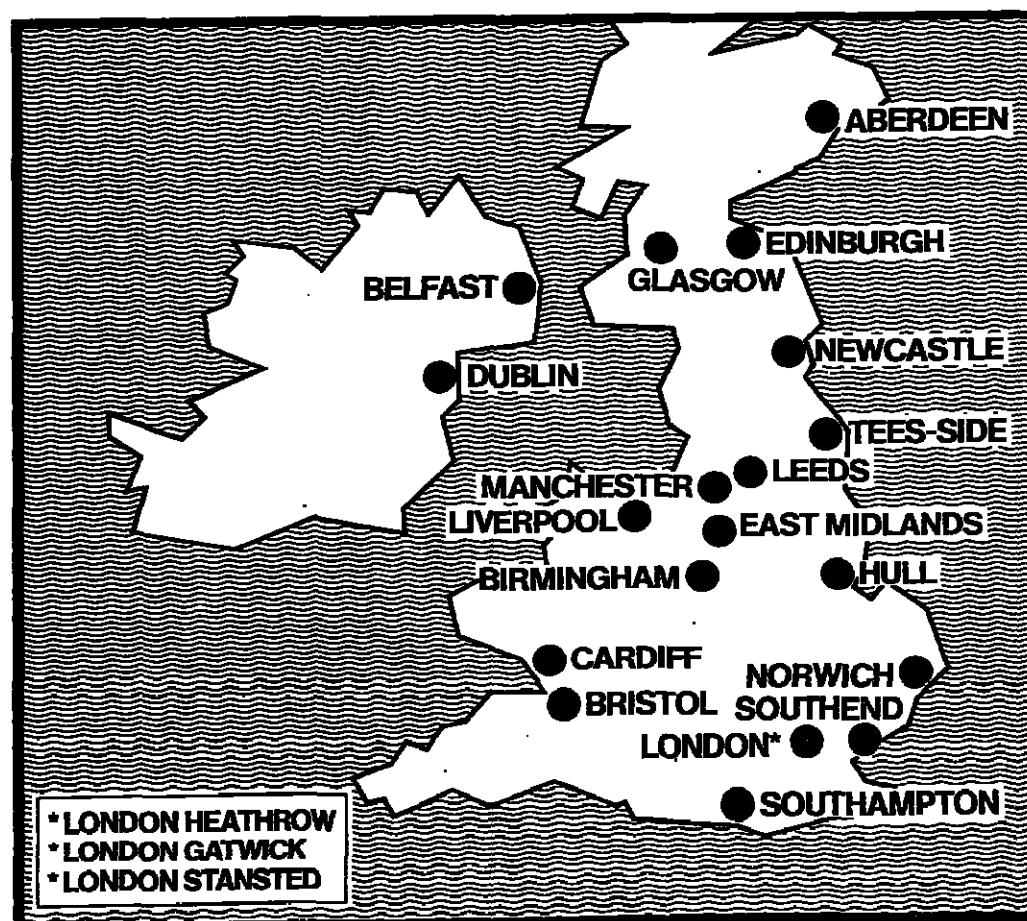
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U.S. footballers set for kickoff anew as rivals strike accord

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP) — A tentative agreement was reached Tuesday to end the 57-day-old National Football League strike, the longest and costliest walkout in sports history. The season is to resume Sunday, limited to nine games with an expanded and juggled 16-team playoff format.

The settlement, subject to ratification by player representatives of the 28 clubs and the owners' NFL Management Council, and then three-quarters of the owners and a majority of the 1,500 players, was confirmed by Management Negotiator Jack Donlan, Union Chief Ed Garvey and Union President Gene Upshaw. "I think we have a tentative agreement," Donlan said. "I am hoping it can be ratified Wednesday night. I am happy and elated."

Paul Martha, a former NFL running back and now a lawyer who served as mediator in the final round of negotiations, said the tentative contract totals \$1.28 billion over five years. Donlan said that Super Bowl XVII will be played Jan. 30 in Pasadena, Calif., as originally scheduled.

The nine-game schedule will be the shortest in the NFL's 63-year history. Only 10 games were played each season from 1943-45 because of World War II, and at least 11 games have been played every other year.

Under a revised playoff format, eight games — four in each conference — will be

played the weekend of Jan. 8-9, with the winners playing the weekend of Jan. 15-16. The conference championships leading to the Super Bowl would be played the weekend of Jan. 22-23.

The agreement was reached after two days of renewed negotiations that began after the National Labor Relations Board refused the Union's request to cite the league for bargaining in bad faith.

Estimates of the costs of the strike ranged upwards of \$275 million, based on league estimates of \$30 million a week in lost revenues and union estimates of \$9 million a week in lost player salaries.

Last year, Major League baseball players struck for 50 days. By the time play resumed, 59 days of the 1981 season had been lost and the estimated cost of the strike was \$150 million. The football strike affected 112 of the originally scheduled 224 games.

This Sunday's games are Baltimore at the New York Jets, Cincinnati at Philadelphia, Detroit at Chicago, Kansas City at New Orleans, the Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta, Miami at Buffalo, Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, New England at Cleveland, Pittsburgh at Houston, San Francisco at St. Louis, Seattle at Denver, Tampa Bay at Dallas and Washington at the New York Giants. On Monday night, San Diego will visit the Los Angeles Raiders.



Marques Johnson...strikes for Bucks

Marc Pajot sailing high

PARIS, Nov. 17 (AFP) — France's Marc Pajot in his 68-foot catamaran Elf Aquitaine was back in the lead of the Route du Rhum single-handed Transatlantic Yacht race Tuesday.

At midday Tuesday Pajot had a 25-mile lead over compatriot Eric Loizeau in his tiny Trimaran Gauloise, more than a week after the yachts set sail from St. Malo on the 4,100 mile route to Pointe-A-Pitre in Guadeloupe.

Several miles back another pair were battling it out in the same way. France's Philippe Poupon was locked in combat with the catamaran of Canadian Mike Birch, winner in 1978.

Birch has been making startling progress

Lucas helps Suns eclipse Lakers

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP) — The Phoenix Suns, swept by Los Angeles in last year's Western Conference semifinal series, beat the defending champion Lakers 113-105 Tuesday night in their first meeting of the 1982-83 National Basketball Association season.

The victory moved the Suns, one of the hottest teams in the league at 9-2, ahead of the Lakers in the Pacific Division standings. The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak for Los Angeles, now 7-2.

In other NBA action, New York bombed Houston 120-93, Milwaukee defeated Indiana 115-103, Kansas City edged San Antonio 105-102, Chicago trimmed Golden State 125-120, Portland ripped Atlanta

To avenge defeat

106-87 and Denver outscored San Diego 136-130.

Maurice Lucas, a newcomer to the Suns, poured in 27 points while Dennis Johnson had 10 of his 14 points in the fourth period and Walter Davis nine of his 24 in the final quarter.

Lucas' 12 third-period points helped Phoenix erase a six-point halftime deficit and give the Suns an 88-82 lead going into the fourth quarter. Los Angeles rallied to tie the score twice in the final period — the last time at 103-103.

Davis' layup 15 seconds later, however, put Phoenix ahead for good and Johnson made it 109-105 with 1:51 left. Davis added four points down the stretch to seal the Suns' fifth homecourt victory this season.

Nuggets 136, Clippers 130: Alex English scored 39 points, Dan Issel added 28 and Kiki Vandeweghe 25 as Denver outlasted San Diego.

The 1-9 Clippers overcame a 73-66 half-time deficit to go ahead 125-122 with 3:32 left. Twofree throws by English, a three-point play by Issel and five straight points by English put the Nuggets on top.

Bucks 115, Pacers 103: Marques Johnson scored 32 points to lead Milwaukee past Indiana. Johnson outscored the Pacers 10-2 at the start of the second half to give the

Bucks a 74-46 lead and then hit a jump shot to give them a 78-48 margin.

Knicks 120, Rockets 93: Bernard King scored 26 points as New York handed winless Houston its ninth straight loss. The Rockets got 26 points from Elvin Hayes, 21 in the first half. But the Knicks wiped out a 20-18 deficit with a 21-2 burst.

Kings 105, Spurs 102: Reggie Johnson stole an inbound pass and scored for Kansas City with 10 seconds left to beat San Antonio. The Spurs, who got 27 points from George Gervin and 23 from Artis Gilmore, led 102-101 until Johnson turned the game around for the Kings. Eddie Johnson added two free throws with two seconds left to give Kansas City its final three-point cushion.

Blazers 106, Hawks 87: Mychal Thompson scored 25 points, 20 of them in the second half, as Portland pulled away from Atlanta. The Trail Blazers led only 44-42 at halftime, but Thompson scored eight points in the third quarter and 12 more in the fourth as Portland outscored the Hawks in the final two periods.

Bulls 125, Warriors 120: Reggie Theus scored 29 points as Chicago fought off a furious late rally by Golden State. The Bulls led 107-84 early in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors got 23 points from Sam Williams and Lewis Lloyd to outscore Chicago 36-18 the rest of the way.

Jahangir weathers Williams' lukewarm challenge for title

BIRMINGHAM, England, Nov. 17 (R) — Jahangir Khan of Pakistan dealt ruthlessly with an unexpected threat from Australian Dean Williams as he retained his World Squash title by a 9-2, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1 margin here Tuesday.

Williams, 26, battled bravely and skilfully



Jahangir...first serious threat

during the 63-minute final before giving up hope of producing a major upset. Jahangir, world amateur champion at 15 — and still only 18 — moved confidently through the opening game, and also won the first four points of the second game.

Suddenly, Jahangir's grip on the match weakened and sixth-seeded Williams, 26 levelled scores to his obvious delight. It was top-seeded Jahangir's first serious test for several months and arguably his greatest

challenge since he last tasted defeat — against Williams compatriot, former world champion Geoff Hunt in the final of the British Open 18 months ago.

Jahangir responded magnificently. For a short time he gauged his shots carefully, but his natural talent, astonishing anticipation and speed about the court were soon evident again. Williams, who had beaten Pakistan's Hiddy Jahan and Oamar Zaman, ranked two and three in the world, on his way to the final tried everything he knew to force his way back into the match but was allowed only two further points.

London-based Jahangir, also British Open champion, had dropped only 24 points as he cruised through five earlier rounds without losing a game. He said he had not been worried at losing the second game. "I knew I was a lot fitter than Dean because I have played him several times in the past. I also knew that if I kept the ball going to a good length, he would eventually run out of steam, and that is what he did," Jahangir added.

Williams, who considered quitting the sport earlier this year, said: "Reaching the final was beyond my wildest dreams. Had it been possible I would not have minded a rest day after the semifinals — but congratulations to Jahangir for he played so well and never showed signs of tiredness."

West German-based Egyptian Ahmed Safwat beat six times British Open winner Jonah Barrington of Britain 9-6, 9-5, 9-1 in the grand masters over 35's final.

Islanders put it across Oilers

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP) — Two goals by Butch Goring and three points from Mike Bossy led the New York Islanders to a 4-2 National Hockey League victory over the Edmonton Oilers in a meeting of last season's top two teams in the standings Tuesday night.

In other matches, Bobby Carpenter scored two goals and Greg Theberge added a goal and two assists to pace the Washington Capitals to a 5-3 victory over the Calgary Flames.

The struggling Vancouver Canucks came from behind three times and finally salvaged a 4-4 tie with the Detroit Red Wings on a goal by Darcy Rota midway through the third period.

Peter McNab scored twice and picked up two assists to lead Borton Bruins to a 7-4 triumph over Quebec Nordiques.

Keith Acton scored two goals and assisted on two others to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 7-1 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

Center Neal Broten struck for two of Minnesota's four power-play goals in the first period to lead the North Stars to an 8-3 victory over the Los Angeles King.

Watkinson injured

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AFP) — Britain has been forced to change their hooker for the second rugby league Test against Australia at Wigan Saturday.

David Watkinson of Hull Kingston Rovers is out with an ankle injury and has been replaced by a new international John Dalgren of Second Division London club Fulham.

Nick Jeavons, the Moseley third rower, will almost certainly miss England's opening rugby international of the season against France on Jan. 15 at Twickenham.

Jeavons was injured Sept. 7. Another England international Clive Woodward of Leicester who suffered a shoulder injury last summer is to play his first match of the season Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the French Ministry of Youth and Sport and president of the French Rugby Federation Albert Ferrasse have denied rumors that the French Government has banned next year's controversial French Rugby Union tour of South Africa.

The rumors followed an article which appeared in the *Johannesburg Star* which spoke of a French Government veto. A spokesman for the sports ministry said that no letter had been sent in either direction and no decision taken.

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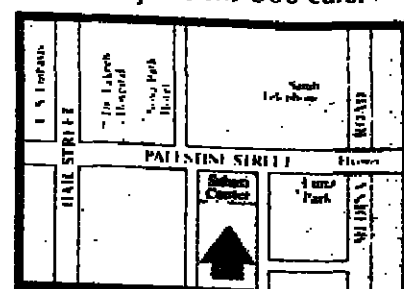
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With Woodcock getting a brace

Injury-hit England routs Greece

SALONICA, Greece, Nov. 13 (AP) — Tony Woodcock scored a goal in each half to spur England to a 3-0 victory over Greece in a European Championship Group Three soccer match played in driving rain here Wednesday.

Arsenal striker Woodcock opened the scoring after only 80 seconds, the only goal of the first half, and then put the result beyond doubt with a second goal in the 63rd minute.

Sammy Lee of Liverpool marked his England debut by hammering home the third goal in the 68th minute.

Injury-hit England played throughout with confidence and drive, while the home team, much to the surprise of an estimated 45,000 crowd, failed to find any rhythm.

England now has three points from its two opening games in group Three, which also includes Denmark, Hungary and Luxembourg. Greece has recorded one victory and one defeat. The top team in the group qualifies for the European championship finals in France in 1984.

Missiles were thrown from the crowd as the England team ran onto the pitch at the start of the game, but the visitors responded in the best possible way. Fullback Kenny Sansom squared the ball back across the area and Woodcock, clear of his marker, beat goalkeeper Nikos Sarganis with ease.

Nikos Anastopoulos twice went close as

Greece tried to hit back and the East German referee turned down loud appeal for a 17th minute penalty after the ball hit England full back Phil Neal on the hand.

For most of the first half England had the game under control without looking too menacing in attack. Captain Bryan Robson, the tireless Gary Mabbutt and newcomer Lee all were impressive in midfield. Paul Mariner, full of busting commitment, was ruled offside when he netted shortly after halftime, but Woodcock was more fortunate.

Alvin Martin hit a long ball out of defense and Woodcock, again with space, ran onto the pass and planted it confidently into the net. Five minutes later England was 3-0 up.

Woodcock's freekick from the edge of the

area was tapped by Robson to Lee, and his low shot smashed past Sarganis with the aid of a deflection.

England coach Don Howe told the British Broadcasting Corporation that the game marked: "One of England's best away performances."

Manager Bobby Robson said after the game: "That quick first goal made it easier for our side but I never expected such an easy win."

Greece's manager, Christos Archontides, conceded that England deserved its victory but expressed disappointment with the home side. "They didn't play the way we'd planned. Everyone was out for himself and team cohesion was completely lacking," he said.

N. Ireland rallies from brink

DUBLIN, Ireland Nov. 17 (AP) — Frank Stapleton netted twice in the last 25 minutes as the Republic of Ireland rallied from a two goal deficit to draw 3-3 with Spain in a rough European Championship Group Seven soccer match at Lansdowne Road Wednesday afternoon.

Ashley Grimes gave the Irish a superb start with a goal after only 90 seconds, but defender Antonio Maceda equalized in the 31st minute and the teams were level 1-1 at halftime.

Spain took the lead in the 47th minute when a low shot from Senor was deflected into the net by Republic of Ireland defender Mick Martin and went 3-1 minutes later through Victor.

Stapleton reduced the deficit in the 65th minute and then equalized eight minutes later to delight a crowd of 35,000.

Manchester United midfielder Grimes, currently suspended from club soccer after allegedly assaulting a referee, gave the Irish a stunning start with a rising shot into the top

corner of the net. The goal was the signal for the first of many flare-ups — five Spaniards were booked along with Martin.

Juan Jose, who fouled Mark Lawrenson then appeared to hit Liam Brady, was the first player to be cautioned, as early as the 17th minute. Bonet was booked six minutes later for a foul on Stapleton and later was joined in the referee's notebook by Victor, Marcos and Maceda.

Maceda made a more positive contribution in the 31st minute. He escaped his marker and volleyed the ball into the net following a freekick. After the interval, Spain took complete control. Two minutes into the second half, Senor's shot went into the net off Martin and 13 minutes later Victor picked up a loose ball, rounded the goalkeeper and topped home.

Then Stapleton took over. The Manchester United striker rose to head home a Liam Brady freekick in the 65th minute and then headed the well-deserved equalizer following a great run by winger Kevin O'Callaghan.

Butt, Rashid slam sparkling, unbeaten tons

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Nov. 17 — Two splendid, unbeaten centuries highlighted play in the Eastern Province Cricket Association League last weekend.

The century makers were Pervaiz Butt of Abahasin and Aramco Abqaiq's Rashid. Rashid's fine 124 not out together with Masood's fighting 43 helped Aramco Abqaiq put it across Petromin who having restricted Aramco for 278 for seven could muster only 220.

With Khalid Nabi scoring a fine 44 and Sarfraz 49, it seemed Petromin would better Aramco's tally. But Tahir Anjum, who kept immaculate length grabbed three quick wickets at the expense of just 29 runs and then Rashid performed well with the ball to take another three wickets conceding 43 runs to seal Aramco's fate.

At Alkhobar, Abahasin's Pervaiz, Butt, who was always among the runs, at last compiled an unbeaten 102 to help his side amass 263 for in their allotted 30 overs. Aijaz Ahmad and Ahmed Waris too chipped in with useful knocks of 47 and 41 respectively to see their side to a 192-run victory over UPM 'A', who were skittled for just 71 runs in 11 overs. The bowler to do all the damage was Aijaz Ahmad who with this medium pacers snatched five wickets for 26 runs while Haroon Khan claimed three wickets conceding 17 runs.

But at Jubail, Bechtel Jubail raised eyebrows when they chalked out a surprise victory over Juyiamah-RT. With Dawood compiling a solid 91 and Siraj slamming 44 runs, Juyiamah-RT aggregated 210 for nine wickets in 30 overs, and it seemed the total would seem them through. But Bechtel went better

losing just five wickets, thanks to S. Ahmed who put his bat to good use scoring an unbeaten 56 and Greg Jackson adding a useful 39.

At Dhahran: UPM 'B' 105 all out in 17 overs (Inam 45, Masood 26; Azhar Hassan 6 for 37, Khalid Khan 2 for 18) lost to Arabian Eagles 107 for no loss in 9 overs (Hassan Ali 89 n.o., N. Najam 16 n.o.).

At Abqaiq: Aramco-Abqaiq 278 for 7 in 30 overs (Rashid 124 n.o., Masood 48, Naem Siddique 2 for 44) beat Petromin 220 all out in 29 overs (Khalid Nabi 44, Sarfraz 49, Tahir Anjum 3 for 29, Rashid 3 for 43).

At Jubail: Juyiamah-RT 210 for 9 in 30 overs (Dawood 91, Siraj 44) lost to Bechtel Jubail 211 for 5 in 29.2 overs (S. Ahmed 56 n.o., Greg Jackson 39).

Kin to decide on Kim's fate

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Nov. 17 (AP) — The mother and brother of South Korean fighter Kim Duk-Koo traveled to the United States Tuesday to meet with doctors and decide whether to disconnect the life support system keeping the brain-dead boxer alive.

Kim, 23, suffered a critical head injury Saturday in a lightweight title bout against World Boxing Association champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini at Caesar's Palace. The Korean was knocked out in the 14th round.

"The medical decision will be made with them in consultation," Dr. Lonnie Hammargren said. "The tests still show no sign of cerebral life. It is now a moral and ethical question what to do when the brain is dead." Hammargren has said that once the life support machinery is disconnected, Kim would



Derek Randall...man of the match

Score-board	
England (1st innings)	411
Australia (1st innings)	424 for 9 decl.
England (2nd innings)	
G. Cook c Border b Lawson	7
C. Tavaré c Chappell b Yardley	9
D. Gower lbw Lilley	28
A. Lamb c Marsh b Lawson	56
I. Botham b Lawson	0
D. Randall b Lawson	115
R. Taylor b Yardley	31
G. Miller c Marsh b Yardley	0
D. Pringle not out	47
B. Willis b Lawson	0
N. Cowans lbw Chappell	36
Extras	29
Total	358
Bowling: Lilley 33-12-89-1; Lawson 32-5-108-5; Yardley 41-10-101-3; Border 7-2-21-0; Chappell 2-3-1-6-1; Hookes 1-0-2-0.	
Australia (2nd innings)	
G. Wood c Taylor b Willis	0
J. Dyson c Cowans b Willis	12
A. Border not out	32
G. Chappell not out	22
Extras	7
Total (for two wickets)	73
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-22.	
Bowling: Willis 6-1-23-2; Botham 6-1-17-0; Cowans 3-1-15-0; Miller 4-3-8-0; Pringle 2-0-3-0; Lamb 1-1-0-0.	

At Alkhobar: Abahasin 263 for 4 in 30 overs (Pervaiz Butt 102 n.o., Aijaz Ahmad 47, Ahmed Waris 41, Allem 2 for 28) beat UPM 'A' 71 all out in 11 overs (Aijaz Ahmad 5 for 26, Haroon Khan 3 for 17).

At Alkhobar: YFCC 217 for 7 in 30 overs (Mushtaq 47, Faheem Sani 40, Wajid Taseer 3 for 46, Mir Yawer Ali 2 for 43) beat Saulex 184 for 9 in 30 overs (Shahid Magrey 32, Saleem Haider 35, Wajid 27, Brian 25 n.o., Mushtaq 4 for 33, Dilwar Ghazali 2 for 35).

At Dammam: Mira 232 for all out in 29 overs (Aftab 35, Arif Gul 30, Zafar 37, Babar 34, Habib Siddiqui 39 n.o., Bukhari Anwar 4 for 45, Chugtai 3 for 46) beat Zahid Cricket team 89 all out in 23 overs (Salim Beig 30, Abid Pervaz 21, Behzad 4 for 15, Azhar 3 for 38).

die "within a matter of minutes."

The boxer-still has a "strong heart and constitution," said Hammargren, but tests showed no blood was getting past the base of Kim's skull to his brain.

"I want to talk to them to find out what their desires and wishes are," said Hammargren. "Everybody wants to make the right decision."

Hammargren, who operated on Kim nearly three hours Saturday night, said he would give the family all the facts, but would not advise them whether to disconnect the machinery.

Smid makes quick work of Solomon

WEST GERMANY, Nov. 17 (Agencies) — Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid, second seed in the men's \$300,000 WCT tournament, Tuesday battled to the second round with a 70-minute 7-5, 6-2 victory over American Harold Solomon.

Solomon, 30, missed a set point on his own serve at 5-4 and went on to drop his own service to give away the first set. Smid, 26, then gained confidence and cruised through the second set. He now meets Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase.

Meanwhile, unranked Harold Thiessen of West Germany pulled off a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 upset victory over eighth-seeded Tom Cain of the United States in the first round of the \$85,500 Bangkok classic.

Thiessen, a qualifier, took two hours to outplay Cain, 24, from Richmond, Virginia on the indoor court here. Chris Johnstone, seeded sixth, eliminated Charles Storde of the United States 6-1, 6-2 in 90 minutes.

In Ancona, Italy Swedish players Hans Simonsson and Jan Gunnarsson both now first-round matches in the \$75,000 International Indoor Tournament of Ancona.

Other second-round qualifiers included Bolivian Mario Martinez, Italian veteran Corrado Barazzutti and South Africa's Dave Vissar. Simonsson, seeded second in the tournament in this Adriatic port city, won an all-Swedish clash against Joachim Nystrom 7-5, 6-4. Gunnarsson downed Christophe Freys of France 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Martinez defeated Chilean Priola 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

In Women's action, Britain's Sue Barker beat American teenager Sue Sue Mascarin 6-2, 6-3 and advanced to the third round of the National Panasonic Classic.

Barker, 26, will meet defending champion Pam Shriver of the United States in a third round match Thursday. They were on opposing teams in Adelaide for last week's Toyota International Classic. "But she was the only one I didn't play," Shriver said. "I met Evonne (Cawley) and Wendy (Turnbull) so I really didn't know what to expect."

Flamengo beaten

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 17 (R) — Flamengo's reign as South American champions came to an abrupt end Tuesday night when the unexciting Uruguayan team Penarol beat them 1-0. Penarol, themselves three times champions in the 1960's, now meet Cobreloa of Chile in the final of a championship, known as the Libertadores Cup.

The eventual winner will play for the world cup title against Britain's Aston Villa, the European champions, on Dec. 12 in Tokyo.

Randall excels as Perth Test peters out into a tame draw

PERTH, Nov. 17 (AFP) — The first Test between England and Australia ended in a draw here Wednesday.

The match was brought to a premature close by agreement between Australian captain Greg Chappell and his English counterpart Bob Willis when they considered there was no prospect of a decisive result.

Australia, which had been set the impossible target of 346 runs in 125 minutes to win, were 73 for two in their second innings at the close, with Allan Border not out 32 and Chappell not out 22. The Australian second innings began disastrously, with openers Graeme Wood (0) and John Dyson (12) falling to Willis in the first 28 minutes.

Wood departed in Willis' first over, edging the ball to wicketkeeper Bob Taylor, without a single run on the board, and Dyson attempted a pull shot, giving Norman Cowans a simple catch at mid-on.

But after the early shocks, Border and Chappell held the innings together without further trouble, adding 51 runs in the remaining 66 minutes. Willis made it clear toward the end of the game that he conceded there was no possibility of a clear result by calling on the rarely-used bowler Allan Lamb to send down an over.

The 1,000 dollar (\$940) man-of-the-match award was won by England's batsman Derek Randall, who hit 115 Wednesday after making 78 in the first innings. The little right-hander was the big stumbling block for Australia in England's second innings of 358.

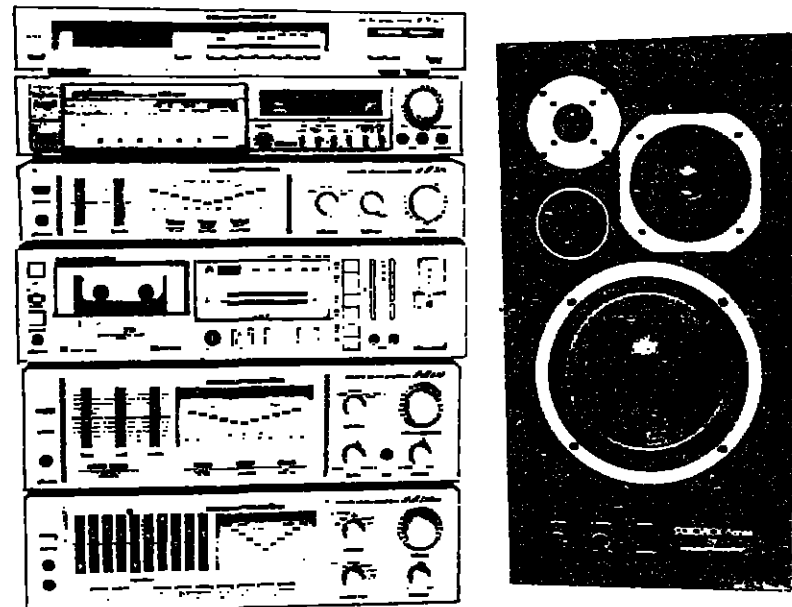
Randall defied the Australian bowlers for 266 minutes during which he cracked 13 boundaries, probably the most valuable of his five Test centuries, of which three have been notched up in Australia.

Randall's 77-run sixth-wicket partnership in 108 minutes with Taylor and his stand of 50 in 51 minutes with Derek Pringle for the eighth-wicket extinguished Australia's last lingering hopes of victory.

To rub salt into the Australian wounds, Pringle and Cowans slammed 66 in 68 minutes for the last-wicket with the 21-year-old Cowans, at number 11, impressing with a solid knock of 36, including five fours and a straight six back over the head of off-spinner Bruce Yardley. Pringle made amends for his first innings duck by completing an unconquered 47 with six boundaries in 131 minutes.

Fast bowler Geoff Lawson, despite having a catch dropped, captured top bowling honors for Australia with five wickets for 108.

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"We've had it all today," said a police officer at the Belfast headquarters of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The latest killings brought to 16 the number of persons shot to death or blown up by bombs in just over three weeks and the total this year to 72. Since the violence began in 1969, 2,244 persons are known to have been killed. All the Tuesday gunmen escaped.

The best-known of the victims was Lennie Murphy known locally as the "master butcher," who once led the Shankill Road "butcher gang," which cut the throats of innocent Catholics. Murphy, believed to be in his late 20s, was shot from a moving vehicle in a North Belfast street and died in a hospital, the RUC said.

Two constables at a road barrier in the county Armagh village of Markethill, 60 kilometers southwest of Belfast, were mowed down by machinegun rounds fired from a van, police said. According to a police spokesman, the two men not immediately identified were married and had children.

Meanwhile, the prime of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland appealed Wednesday for a halt to killings in Northern Ireland.

He urged both sides to think of the victims' families left behind. "If my appeals for peace and reconciliation are not heeded, then at least the anguished cries of widows, fatherless children and bereaved families must be listened to," he said.

Bonn plans law against alien kids

MUNICH, Nov. 17 (R) — West Germany's right-wing Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann proposed new laws to stop foreign children over six years of age coming to live with their immigrant parents in West Germany. Zimmermann said Tuesday the lowering of the age limit from 16 was a necessary humanitarian measure at a time of high unemployment.

He told a press conference in Munich that a commission, looking into possible changes in immigration legislation, would start work soon under his chairmanship and aimed to present a report by March 1. Elections are due in West Germany on March 6.

New measures are expected to affect mainly West Germany's 1.6 million strong Turkish community. Unemployment among Turkish "guest workers" is far above the national average which, according to some predictions, will reach 10 percent this winter.

Zimmermann said restrictions on Turkish immigration would have to be retained even after Turkey became an associate member of the European Community in 1986.

Salvador guerrillas kill 7 Hondurans

SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 17 (AP) — Leftist rebels say they have killed or wounded 95 Salvadoran government troops in fighting around El Salvador in the past two days.

The rebels' clandestine Radio Venceremos also said Tuesday that guerrillas had killed seven Honduran soldiers fighting alongside the Salvadoran Army, but a Defense Ministry spokesman described the report as "nonsense."

Venceremos said the seven Hondurans were killed during a sweep by the Salvadoran Army through a region of Chalatenango province bordering Honduras 100 kilometers north of San Salvador.

In a later broadcast Tuesday night, Venceremos said guerrillas killed or wounded 95 government troops in the past 48 hours of fighting around El Salvador. The radio said most of the casualties came in fighting Monday along the main north-south highway leading to Chalatenango.

The broadcast said that the other casualties occurred in fighting in the eastern provinces of Usulután and San Vicente. The rebels said they have killed or wounded more than 671 troops since the start of their October offensive.

Military sources admitted rebels had killed at least 15 soldiers in fighting close to the capital, Managua. Venceremos said Honduran helicopters flew over the border area to evacuate the seven dead Honduran soldiers and an undetermined number of wounded.

A Defense Ministry official, who asked not to be identified for security reasons, denied the report of Hondurans fighting inside El Salvador, calling it "nonsense." Gen. Gustavo Alvarez Martinez, chief of Honduran armed forces, also denied Tuesday that Honduran troops had crossed the border to aid Salvadoran soldiers.

"Our mobilization of soldiers in this zone is limited to preserving territorial integrity," he told reporters in Honduras during a visit to troops near the border.

The Honduran government says it has sent about 2,000 troops to its side of the border to make sure the fighting does not spill into Honduras. Honduras has repeatedly denied sending troops across the border to aid El Salvador's government in its three-year war with leftist insurgents.

At least 5,000 Salvadoran government soldiers last Wednesday began a counterattack against guerrillas in Chalatenango, where rebels seized six small towns during an offensive begun in October.

Government sources say the army has suffered at least 20 casualties in the anti-rebel push.

Ex-CIA agent guilty

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, Nov. 17 (AP) — A federal court jury Wednesday found ex-CIA agent Edwin P. Wilson guilty on seven of eight counts of smuggling four pistols and an M-16 rifle to Libyan officials in 1979 as part of a scheme that ultimately won him more than \$20 million in contracts with that government.

Wilson looked solemn and tense but did not speak as the jury of seven women and five men returned the verdict after a total of 4 hours of deliberations. U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams set sentencing for Dec. 17. Wilson, who remains in custody on \$60 million bail, faces a maximum penalty of 39 years in prison and a fine of \$240,000.



JUST A CHECK: Passengers in strife-torn El Salvador undergo routine checks by soldiers for weapons. Leftist guerrillas are fighting to oust the U.S.-backed rightist government.

U.K. divers search sunken warship

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP) — Divers are seeking to recover top secret computer programs, codes and documents from the wreck of the battleship *HMS Coventry* off the Falkland Islands, the Defense Ministry said.

Minister for the armed forces Peter Blaker said Tuesday in a written statement to the House of Commons that the underwater recovery vessel *Stena Seaspread* was mounting the operation in 90 meters of water just north of the entrance to Falkland Sound, which divides the islands.

The British domestic news agency Press Association reported that the classified material deals largely with tactics to be used in the event of conflict between NATO and the Soviet Navy.

Coventry was sunk May 25 by Argentine bombs with the loss of 22 crewmen. Press Association quoted unidentified government officials as saying the divers were exercising "due reverence and discretion" because of

the ship's status as a war grave.

The agency said similar tapes and documents already have been recovered from the frigates *HMS Antelope* and *HMS Ardent*, also sunk in Argentine air raids during the 10-week war in which Britain reclaimed its South Atlantic colony.

Another destroyer, *HMS Sheffield*, and the landing ship *Sir Galahad* are in deeper water, and no decision has yet been made whether to retrieve classified materials from them, PA reported.

The agency added that nuclear weapons are not among the items being recovered in the operation. On Nov. 2, the liberal *Guardian* newspaper said that several on the British ships sent to the South Atlantic were carrying nuclear depth charges. Quoting defense sources, it said that one reason seamen worked for three days to save *Sheffield* before it sank May 7 was the nuclear depths charges it was carrying.

We'll watch Soviets, Thatcher says

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AFP) — The changes in Soviet leadership herald "a period of uncertainty" during which the West will determine "whether Soviet policies and performance present new opportunities for peace or new dangers for stability," British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Wednesday.

The West, Mrs. Thatcher said during the 28th annual meeting of the Atlantic Alliance Assembly, is ready to "respond to new opportunities for peace...but we require to be convinced that any new proposals and initiatives are based not on calculations of short-term propaganda advantage but on a genuine willingness to increase the security of the peoples of the world."

The prime minister, who criticized proposals for unilateral disarmament, acknowledged that defense spending has soared. "The cost to our peoples has been high," she

declared, "but it is as nothing to the price we would have to pay if we were to put peace in peril by lowering our defenses."

If defense were sacrificed to public welfare needs, she warned, "the day might come when we would have neither peace nor freedom, nor be able to provide our people with the schools, the hospitals and all the other elements of a modern civilized state."

In a reference to Britain's conflict with Argentina earlier this year over the Falkland Islands, Mrs. Thatcher asserted that if British troops "had not acted to repel aggression" outside of Europe, "the alliance's resolve to act within (its traditional territory) might well have been questioned." The Atlantic Alliance Assembly, a consultative body, groups parliamentarians from member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Andropov called nastier than snake

AGANA, Guam, Nov. 17 (R) — The commander of United States Air Forces in Japan and Korea said Wednesday he was concerned about Soviet military power and described the new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov as "nastier than a snake."

Li. Gen. Charles Donnelly, on a three-day visit to U.S. Air Force installations here, told community leaders the Soviet Union had 53 divisions along the Sino-Soviet border and in the Far East where the United States had only 16 divisions. The United States had to strengthen its forces despite current economic problems, he said, adding: "Freedom doesn't come cheap."

"They (the Soviets) have just finished scarifying the devil out of the Japanese by flying the Backfire (long-range bomber) into the Japan Sea," he said. "I'm not sure that given a war on all fronts we'd come out all that well." Gen. Donnelly predicted that Andropov would take a hard-line military stance toward the United States and its allies, saying: "He is a hawk. He's nastier than a snake."

He accused Andropov of playing a crucial role in crushing the Hungarian uprising in 1956 and said there were numerous cases of torture during Andropov's time as head of

the KGB, the Soviet Union's secret police and intelligence organization.

Gen. Donnelly, a former fighter pilot, praised Japanese and South Korean military forces but said Japan was not spending enough on its own defense because of lack of economic growth and the recent weakness of the yen. Japan, whose postwar constitution places tight limits on the strength and role of its defense forces, spends just under one percent of its annual gross national product on defense.

Husak in Vienna

VIENNA, Nov. 17 (R) — President Gustav Husak arrived in Vienna on Wednesday on the first official visit to Austria by a Czechoslovak head of state. An agreement on safety measures for Czechoslovak nuclear power stations near the Austrian border and other accords will be signed during his three-day stay, officials said.

Husak, accompanied by Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chotuspek and Foreign Trade Minister Bohumil Urban, also will have talks with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and other Austrian leaders.

Against South Africa Mugabe seeks U.S. aid

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Nov. 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe launched a strong attack against South Africa at a state banquet Tuesday night welcoming U.S. Vice President George Bush for a three-day visit. Mugabe, who earlier had a 90-minute private meeting with the U.S. delegation, appealed for U.S. aid to end South African rule of Southwest Africa (Namibia). He also called on the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to support the overthrow of the apartheid system within South Africa itself.

Earlier Bush, his wife, Barbara, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker, the State Department director for human rights, Elliott Abrams, and other aides were given an impressive welcome after landing at Harare Airport from Moscow. Bush resumed his African tour after leading the American delegation at Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's funeral.

Bush said the United States wanted to serve as a "disinterested and honest broker." He said American policy sought an end to

South Africa control over Namibia, but "at the same time the United States wants an end to Angola's suffering and to the dangerous cycle of violence in the region."

The United States has joined South Africa in saying an independence settlement in Namibia also requires the withdrawal of an estimated 15,000 Cuban troops from neighboring Angola. Black nations in the region have balked at linking the two issues.

Mugabe said he was gravely concerned that millions of people in the region were still denied their rights. The "burning issue concerns Namibia's independence," he said.

Mugabe said the Cubans were present because of South African cross-border raids into Angola, adding: "we are certain that if South Africa desists from occupying Angola and withdraws from Namibia, the Angolans will be in a position to meet their genuine security needs by themselves." Bush is scheduled to leave Zimbabwe Thursday for Lusaka, where he will hold talks with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda.

Warm Indo-U.S. ties seen

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (AP) — Undersecretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger, America's highest-ranking career diplomat, concluded a visit to the Asian subcontinent Wednesday which U.S. officials said had confirmed prospects for less tension and warmer relations between the United States and India. India and Pakistan and the United States and the 98-member nonaligned movement.

Eagleburger left for Jeddah en route to Sudan after talks in Pakistan with President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq and Pakistani officials and in India with External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and Foreign Secretary M.K. Rasgotra.

Eagleburger's stop in New Delhi marked the resumption of annual U.S.-Indian political talks that were broken off in 1971 when India accused the United States of a tilt toward Pakistan. His visit was fixed during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's White House meeting last July with U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Resumption of annual U.S.-Indian talks, covering a full-range of global and bilateral issues, demonstrates the improvement of relations between the two largest democracies, officials of both countries said.

A byproduct of better Indo-U.S. relations could be an improved atmosphere between the United States and the nonaligned movement, according to the American view.

Eagleburger was said to have sensed a genuine desire in both Pakistan and India for better ties between the subcontinent rivals. Zia and Mrs. Gandhi, during a brief Nov. 1 meeting here, fixed a schedule for talks on a non-aggression pact and a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation.

While not vigorously condemning the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, India now shows greater understanding of Pakistan's worries on the subject, the senior official said.

For Pakistan, the presence of an estimated 100,000 Soviet troops in an adjacent country has created acute problems and concerns, he added.

GLOBAL WEATHER											
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Amsterdam	7	45	9	48	rain	Mexico City	9	68	23	73	clear
Athens	16	61	19	66	cloudy	Miami	25	77	28	82	cloudy
Bahrain	16	61	21	70	clear	Montreal	-6	21	5	41	cloudy
Bangkok	26	79	30	86	clear	Moscow	1	34	2	36	cloudy
Beirut	17	63	22	72	clear	New Delhi	19	66	30	86	clear
Berlin	4	39	8	46	cloudy	New York	0	32	9	48	clear
Buenos Aires	16	61	22	72	clear	Nicosia	8	46	21	70	cloudy
Cairo	12	54	23	73	clear	Paris	2	36	10	50	cloudy
Caracas	18	64	28	82	clear	Peking	5	41	15	59	clear
Chicago	-3	27	5	41	cloudy	Perth	13	55	27	81	clear
Copenhagen	0	32	6	43	clear	Rio de Janeiro	20	68	30	86	cloudy
Dublin	2	36	7	45	cloudy	Rome	16	50	17	63	cloudy
Frankfurt	1	34	3	37	rain	San Francisco	6	43	14	57	cloudy
Geneva	2	36	7	45	clear	Seoul	2	36	12	54	clear
Helsinki	5	41	6	43	rain	Singapore	24	75	34	93	clear
Hong Kong	20	68	24	75	clear	Stockholm	3	37	6	43	rain
Jakarta	24	75	33	91	cloudy	Sydney	17	63	19	66	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain	Taipei	17	63	22	72	rain
London	6	43	13	55	cloudy	Tokyo	13	55	17	63	rain
Los Angeles	14	57	19	66	cloudy	Toronto	1	34	6	43	cloudy
Madrid	2	36	12	54	clear	Vancouver	4	39	7	45	rain
Manila	21	70	33	91	clear	Vienna	2	36	4	39	cloudy

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